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On heels of violence, Connecticut sets aside additional funding for nonprofits at risk

## \$5 million allocated to boost security

By Christopher Keating  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — After the recent gun massacres in Buffalo and Texas, the State Bond Commission voted Thursday to allocate \$5 million for houses of worship and other facilities to improve their security.

The commission voted 9-0 to allow 100 nonprofits to receive competitive grants of a maximum of \$50,000 each if they are at risk of hate crimes, terrorist attacks or other violence. The group includes churches, synagogues, mosques and nonprofit organizations such as domestic violence shelters and HIV clinics.

The program provides upgrades such as bulletproof glass, surveillance cameras, fencing, alarm systems and solid doors sought by Connecticut organizations. Other improvements include computer-controlled electronic locks, buzzer systems, closed-circuit television monitoring, double-door systems for entry and remote locks on all entrances and exits.

Several ministers attended the commission meeting at the Capitol complex in Hartford and hailed the availability of the funding.

"While prayer is a response, it must not be our only response," said the Rev. Daniel Bland, senior pastor at the Mount Calvary Revival Center. "As a man of faith, I believe in the hope of tomorrow."

While saying that "these measures do not completely solve the problem," Bland added that they are a step in the right direction.

Bishop William McKissick of Hartford-based Youth Challenge of Connecticut Inc. said, "People are hesitant even to go to houses of worship." He added that he hopes the upcoming changes will prompt some worshippers to "not be afraid to go out."

The state has already awarded \$5 million in the first round of funding that went to 112 applicants for 175 facilities, including some with multiple buildings. Of the applicants, 60 were for houses of worship, including synagogues and Roman Catholic churches, officials said.

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JAE C. HONG/AP

### New fuel for trolls

By now it's as predictable as the calls for thoughts and prayers: A mass shooting leaves many dead, and wild conspiracy theories and misinformation about the carnage soon follow. Within hours of Tuesday's school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, another rash began as internet users spread baseless claims about the man named as the gunman and his possible motives. **Page 4**

### Memorial Day parades returning this weekend

After a pandemic hiatus, Memorial Day parades and other events are returning to central Connecticut. A look at some weekend options around the area. **Connecticut, Page 1**

## TEXAS SCHOOL SHOOTING

*"Truly there are no words to describe the horror, the searing pain and the haunting sorrow that will last a lifetime with families who have lost their children. It will leave a hole in their hearts, in their homes and their communities."*

— U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, at a vigil in Newtown

## 'Forever connected'



Mariam Azeez, 15, center, stands with her mother Eman Beshtawii at an interfaith service at Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown on Thursday in memory of victims of the massacre at a school in Uvalde, Texas. **DOUGLAS HEALEY PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

### Newtown vigil echoes grief shadowing town for nearly a decade



Mourners leave Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown on Thursday after the interfaith service.

By Taylor Hartz  
Hartford Courant

NEWTOWN — Newtown was aglow Thursday night in the light of yet another candlelight vigil, much as it was 9 1/2 years ago when the small town mourned the loss of its own 26 souls. This week, the flames flickered in the twilight to mourn 21 more people — 19 of them children — killed in yet another elementary school mass shooting, this one in Uvalde, Texas, that echoed the grief that has shadowed the town for nearly a decade.

These vigils, once a desperate attempt for communities to find comfort in the wake of such shocking shootings, have now become almost a ritual in American life. In towns like Newtown all across the nation, people gather by candlelight to mourn another mass shooting, to say the name of another

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## Police give conflicting accounts of shooting, raising questions

By Jake Bleiberg, Jim Vertuno and Elliot Spagat  
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — The gunman who massacred 19 children and two teachers at a Texas elementary school was inside for more than an hour before he was killed in a shootout, law enforcement authorities said Thursday amid mounting public anger and scrutiny over their response to the rampage.

A media briefing called by Texas public safety officials to clarify the timeline of the attack provided bits of previously unknown information. By the time it ended, though, it had added to the troubling questions surrounding the attack, including about the time it took police to reach the scene and confront the gunman, and the apparent failure to lock a school door he entered.

After two days of providing often conflicting information, investigators said that a school district police officer was not in the school when 18-year-old gunman Salvador Ramos arrived around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, and, contrary to their previous reports, the officer had not confronted Ramos outside the building.

Instead, Ramos entered the building "unobstructed" through an apparently



After police at first said the shooter was confronted by officers before entering the school, Victor Escalon, regional director of the Texas Department of Public Safety South, now says the gunman entered the building in Uvalde "unobstructed." **DARIO LOPEZ-MILLS/AP**

unlocked door, said Victor Escalon, regional director for the Texas Department of Public Safety. Local police officers entered the building four minutes later but were driven back after exchanging fire with the gunman, he said.

The crisis did not end until a group of

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## How to talk to kids about the massacre

By Ginny Monk  
Ct Mirror

As her 7-year-old ate a morning bowl of Cheerios, Amy looked at her daughter and wondered whether to start a conversation about the massacre in Uvalde, Texas, that left 19 elementary school children and two teachers dead.

It's a question parents have had to wrestle with time and again as kids are shot to death at their schools. It hits hard for many in Connecticut, where 20 first-graders were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012.

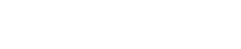
Tuesday's shooting at Robb Elementary School has brought back memories of the Connecticut shooting for many residents.

Amy, who declined to give her last name out of concern for her daughter, is a member of Moms Demand Action. She joined gun control advocates, Gov. Ned

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RAY LIOTTA 1954-2022

## 'Goodfellas,' 'Field of Dreams' star created memorable roles

By Neil Genzlinger  
The New York Times

Ray Liotta, who created intense, memorable characters in "Goodfellas," "Field of Dreams" and other films as well as on television, died in a hotel in the Dominican Republic, where he was filming a movie. He was 67.

His publicist, Jennifer Allen, said Thursday that he died overnight in his sleep in the Dominican Republic, where he was shooting the film "Dangerous Waters."

No health issues or foul play were suspected, Allen said.

Actor Robert De Niro, who co-starred with Liotta in "Goodfellas," said in an emailed statement Thursday, "He is way too young to have left us. May he Rest in Peace."

Lorraine Bracco, who played Karen Hill in "Goodfellas," tweeted that she was "utterly shattered to hear this terrible news about my Ray. I can be anywhere in the world & people will come up & tell me their favorite movie is Goodfellas. Then they always ask what was the best part of making that movie. My

response has always been the same. Ray Liotta."

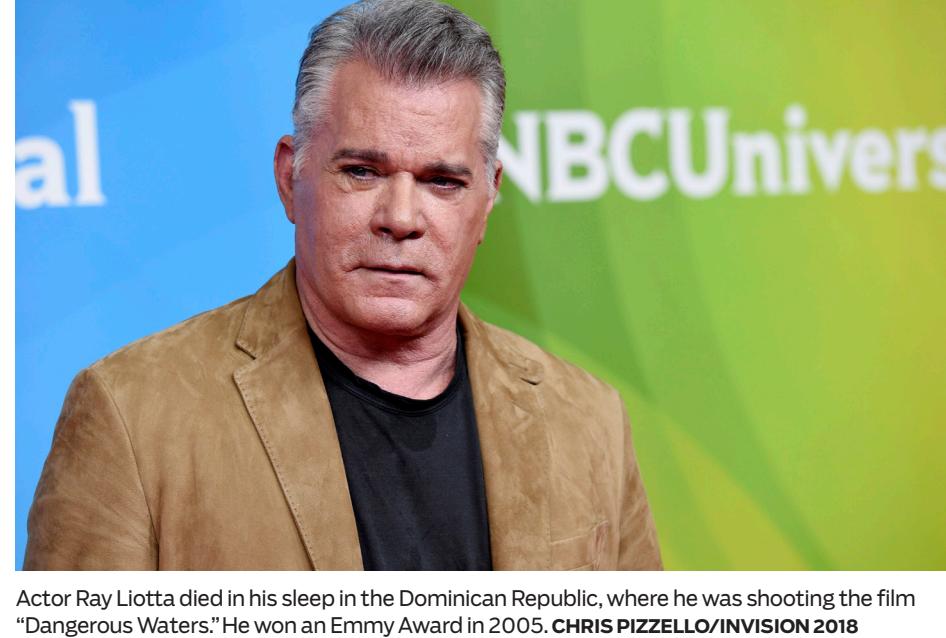
Seth Rogen, who Liotta acted with in the 2009 comedy "Observe and Report" tweeted, "He was such a lovely, talented and hilarious person. Working with him was one of the great joys of my career and we made some of my favorite scenes I ever got to be in. A true legend of immense skill and grace."

Liotta was known primarily for having played Joey Perrini, a character he once called "the nicest guy in the world," on soap opera "Another World" when he landed a different kind of role in the 1986 comic crime story "Something Wild."

His friend Melanie Griffith leaned on the film's director, Jonathan Demme, to consider him, and he landed the role of her character's menacing husband, an ex-con.

"Mr. Liotta, a newcomer, nearly walks off with his sections of the film," Vincent Canby wrote in his review in The New York Times — and suddenly he was in demand for such parts.

The most notable of those



Actor Ray Liotta died in his sleep in the Dominican Republic, where he was shooting the film "Dangerous Waters." He won an Emmy Award in 2005. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION 2018

was his portrayal of gangster Henry Hill in "Goodfellas," Martin Scorsese's 1990 film.

Roger Ebert, in his review, wrote that "Goodfellas" solidified Liotta (and Bracco) as "two of our best new movie actors."

The year before, Liotta had won acclaim for a quieter type of intensity when he played baseball

player Shoeless Joe Jackson in "Field of Dreams."

"Ray can be very still, almost like a cat," director Howard Deutch told the Times in 1992. "He's very powerful in his stillness. You have the sense that he's combustible."

The Newark, New Jersey, native was born in 1954 and adopted at six months out of an orphanage by a

township clerk and an auto parts owner. Liotta always assumed he was mostly Italian — the movies did too.

But later in life while searching for his birth parents, he discovered he's Scottish.

Though he grew up focused on playing sports during his senior year of high school, the drama teacher asked him if he

wanted to be in a play, which he agreed to on a lark.

Whether he knew it or not at the time, it planted a seed.

Later, at the University of Miami he picked drama and acting because they had no math requirement attached.

He would often say in interviews that he only started auditioning for plays because a pretty girl told him to.

But it set him on a course.

After graduation, he got an agent and soon he got his first big break on the soap opera "Another World."

In 2005, he won a Prime-time Emmy Award for a guest role as Charlie Metcalf on NBC's "ER."

According to Deadline, Liotta had just finished work on the Elizabeth Banks-directed "Cocaine Bear" and was due to star in the Working Title film "The Substance" opposite Demi Moore and Margaret Qualley.

Liotta is survived by his fiancée, Jacy Nittolo, and daughter Karsen.

Associated Press and Los Angeles Times contributed.

## Security

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The money approved Thursday represents the second round in a program that will eventually total \$20 million. The funding was approved soon after the deaths of 19 schoolchildren and two educators in a Texas elementary school classroom, which occurred 10 days after a shooting at a Buffalo supermarket that left 10 dead and three wounded.

Connecticut is trying "to keep our kids safe in schools, keep our worshippers safe in their houses of worship,"

said Gov. Ned Lamont, who chairs the bond commission. "We'll do everything we can to keep you safe in those safe places and do what we can going forward to make sure the most dangerous assault weapons are not present on our streets."

Michael Bloom, executive director of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, said Connecticut is among a small handful of states that has made money available for increased security.

"It is a sad day in our lives that security is needed," Bloom said after the vote.

Separately, the state has already spent \$71 million

since 2013 in five rounds of school security grants, including both public and private schools after the shooting deaths of 20 children and six educators at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut has been seen as a national leader in reinforcing school buildings following the Sandy Hook shootings.

Nonprofit groups such as Planned Parenthood are eligible for the funding to improve security, but the organization did not receive funding in the first round, officials said Thursday.

The first round of grants last July included more

than \$300,000 at various locations in Torrington, \$204,000 in Bridgeport, \$152,000 in West Hartford, \$131,000 in South Windsor, \$100,000 in Bloomfield, \$99,000 in Manchester and \$96,000 in Hartford, according to state police.

Public safety commissioner James Rovella has declined to reveal the names and addresses of the grant recipients, citing security concerns and saying it would be a major problem if criminals ever got access to the list.

State auditors, he said, will keep a close eye on spending if there are any concerns whether the

grants are being spent properly.

To mark the first round last year, Lamont gathered with clergy and state legislators outside a Bloomfield synagogue near the West Hartford border to highlight the security concerns at a building that is ground level with multiple doors and mostly glass near the front entrance.

State Sen. Derek Slap, a West Hartford Democrat, said it was sad that the money was needed for houses of worship that are designed to be places of peace and prayer.

"If you drive down Albany Avenue in West

Hartford on any Saturday, you'll notice something," Slap said at the time. "You'll notice the armed guards standing outside of the synagogues. It's heartbreaking that that's needed. It's heartbreaking that people are afraid to worship. It's heartbreaking that people are afraid to go to a mosque, a church, to their synagogue. This program will make people feel safer, and it will make people safer. I believe it's not a stretch to say this is going to save lives."

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0 9 5 WB: 5  
PLAY4 DAY  
4 7 5 5 WB: 5

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PLAY4 NIGHT

4 4 5 9 WB: 9

CASH 5

6 12 16 18 28

LUCKY FOR LIFE

11 12 28 30 37 LB: 1

POWERBALL

19 28 39 42 57 PB: 17 PP: 3

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### Police

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Border Patrol agents went in nearly an hour later. Ramos, who had staked out a spot in the fourth grade classroom he targeted, was killed during the shootout, Escalon said.

Many other details of the case and the police response remained murky. The motive for the massacre — the nation's deadliest school shooting since Newtown, Connecticut, a decade ago — remained under investigation, with authorities saying Ramos had no known criminal or mental health history.

During the siege, frustrated onlookers urged police

officers to charge into the school, witnesses said.

"Go in there! Go in there!" women shouted at the officers soon after the attack began, said Juan Carranza, 24, who watched the scene from outside a house across the street. Carranza said the officers should have entered the school sooner: "There were more of them. There was just one of him."

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw defended the agency Wednesday, saying: "The bottom line is law enforcement was there. They did engage immediately. They did contain (Ramos) in the classroom."

Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz did not give a time-

line but said repeatedly that the tactical officers from his agency who arrived at the school did not hesitate. He said they moved rapidly to enter the building, lining up in a "stack" behind an agent holding up a shield.

"What we wanted to make sure is to act quickly, act swiftly, and that's exactly what those agents did," Ortiz told Fox News.

But a law enforcement official said that once in the building, the Border Patrol agents had trouble breaching the classroom door and had to get a staff member to open the room with a key.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk publicly about

the investigation.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Lt. Christopher Olivarez told CNN that investigators were trying to establish whether the classroom was, in fact, locked or barricaded in some way.

Javier Cazares, whose fourth grade daughter, Jacklyn Cazares, was killed in the attack, said he raced to the school as the massacre unfolded.

When he arrived, he saw two officers outside the school and about five others escorting students out of the building. But 15 or 20 minutes passed before the arrival of officers with shields, equipped to confront the gunman, he said.

As more parents flocked

to the school, he and others pressed police to act, Cazares said. He heard about four gunshots before he and the others were ordered back to a parking lot.

"A lot of us were arguing with the police, 'You all need to go in there. You all need to do your jobs!' Their response was, 'We can't do our jobs because you guys are interfering,'" Cazares said.

Ramos crashed his truck into a ditch outside the school, grabbed his AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle and shot at two people outside a funeral home, who ran away uninjured, according to authorities and witnesses.

As for the armed school officer, he was driving nearby

but was not on campus when Ramos crashed his truck, according to a law enforcement official who was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke of condition of anonymity.

Investigators have concluded that school officer was not positioned between the school and Ramos, leaving him unable to confront the shooter before he entered the building, the law enforcement official said.

Meanwhile, the White House said President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden will travel to Uvalde on Sunday to console families and honor victims of Tuesday's shooting and also meet with community and religious leaders.

### Vigil

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school, to lay flowers by the photos of more and more dead children.

"Newtown and Uvalde will be forever connected by shared tragedies that have ripped the hearts out of so many in this nation and this world," said Po Murray, a Newtown mother, neighbor of the Sandy Hook Elementary School gunman, and a leader of the Newtown Action Alliance Foundation, which helped organize the interfaith vigil at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Jim Allen, who played the piano during the service, once taught 6-year-old Benjamin Wheeler piano.

The two only made it through a few lessons before Allen heard the news: The young musician, who Allen said had perfect pitch, was among the 20 children dead in the Sandy Hook school shooting in December 2012.

After Thursday's service, Allen stood outside the church — just five minutes from where the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre occurred nearly ten years ago — and hummed Wheeler's favorite song, *Loch Lomond*, wishing he'd had the chance to teach him more.

Mariam Azeez, a 15-year-old from Newtown who was in first grade when the shooting happened, brought everyone in the church to their feet Thursday night — and brought tears to many of their eyes — when she read a poem that she wrote about what it's like to know that more children, like those from her hometown, are being killed in mass shootings over and over again.

She said she was inspired to write the poem after seeing a photo of Robb Elementary School students' backpacks lined up in a row, never to be taken home by the ones who didn't make it out.



An interfaith service is held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown on Thursday following a school shooting in Texas. DOUGLAS HEALEY/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

They just wanted to go to school, she thought. They just wanted to grow up.

In her poem, she honored Wheeler as she listed off a long list of careers anchored by the phrase "When I grow up, I'll become a..."

"When I grow up, I'll become a light house guard," she said — Azeez also took piano lessons with Allen, and she'd learned about Wheeler. She'd heard that is what he wanted to be.

At one point, far too early in life, Azeez said her childhood dream shifted from a childish hope of being a unicorn to a goal of becoming a police officer, her future altered by what she'd seen happen in Newtown.

A change that happened "because seeing 20 kids my age in my town come home

in bags was traumatizing enough," she said.

"At 6 years old, I felt the burden of needing to do something."

She also learned that one of the victims of the shooting in Uvalde wanted to be a baseball player.

"When I grow up, I'll become a baseball player," she said.

"Seeing that photo of her smiling when she was at bat stuck with me," she said. "She could have had a life where she could have done something great, and that was just stolen."

The girl she saw a photo of was identified as Eliahana "Elijah" Cruz Torres, according to Associated Press. The 10-year-old was one of 19 children and two educators who were fatally shot by an

18-year-old gunman at the school on Tuesday.

She described what she & everyone growing up in her generation see when they look around a classroom:

the door they exit from, the desk they barricade the door with, the window they wait for rescue from, the hand they cover their mouth with, the pencil they'll use as a weapon, the last text they'll send their mother reading "I love you."

The Rev. Matthew Crebbin of the Newtown Congregational Church said that in Sandy Hook, Uvalde, Littleton, Colo., on the Virginia Tech campus and in so many other places, "the gun has taken too many of our precious children."

"We grieve with families who weep, with loved ones

who will not be consoled, and with grief still tearing at our hearts we come on this day all too aware of everything that has been lost," Crebbin said.

The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt of the Trinity Episcopal Church, who began the service, said they were gathered together in the church "to give us room to lament, to pray, to rage, to hope."

To remember the "unique preciousness and beauty" of those who died in Uvalde.

And to solemnly recognize "the hard wisdom that this town has gained in almost 10 years of suffering."

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, who gave an impassioned speech on the Senate floor in Washington on Tuesday night just hours after the tragedy in Texas, was the last

to speak as the candles were lit in the church.

He said that as he called on his Republican colleagues, once again, to pass common sense gun laws, he couldn't help but think of standing in the firehouse in Sandy Hook almost a decade ago as parents learned that their 6- and 7-year-old children were dead.

"There was no avoiding the memories of parents learning that their children would not be coming home that night," he said.

"Truly there are no words to describe the horror, the searing pain and the haunting sorrow that will last a lifetime with families who have lost their children," he said. "It will leave a hole in their hearts, in their homes and their communities."

### Talk

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Lamont and other elected officials at a press conference outside the Capitol in Hartford on Wednesday to decry the Texas school shooting.

Ultimately, she decided against talking about it with her child that morning.

"I don't know how to talk to kids about this," Amy said, although she knows it's a conversation that has to happen.

State officials offered reassurances Wednesday about safety protocols at local schools, and experts say honesty is one of the keys when talking to children about tragedies.

"There's no easy words," said Gary Steck, the chief executive officer and a marriage and family therapist at Wellmore Behavioral Health in Waterbury. "This is as terrible a tragedy as one can imagine, but we as adults, we have that responsibility [to talk to kids]."

Here's how experts advise parents or caregivers talk to their kids about the shooting:

**Check in with yourself:** Steck said parents should first check in with themselves to ensure they're prepared to have that conversation with their kids. If they need, they can talk with a friend, pastor or mental health professional before talking with children.

"Parents are the first educators, and it's incredibly important that they be the ones that convey some sense of understand-

ing of this crazy thing that's happened, this horrific thing that happened," Steck said.

Parents and guardians will best be able to care for their children if they take care of themselves, experts said.

**Start the conversation:** Children are likely to have heard about the shooting, either from overhearing conversations, at school or from social media, experts say.

"Not talking about it can make the event even more threatening in your child's mind," says a publication from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

The conversation can start by asking the child what they already know and gently correcting any misinformation, the network's document says.

It's important to listen to what a child has to say and be attentive to their concerns, said Jason Lang, vice president for mental health initiatives at the Child Health and Development Institute.

It may be easier for young children to have a tough conversation if they're doing something they enjoy such as playing outside, taking a walk or coloring, said Dr. Melissa Santos, a professor of pediatric psychology at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

"Those are ways that they can feel safe, to be able to associate it with something that they enjoy doing with you," Santos said.

**Let them ask questions:** Children may have questions about what happened in Texas. Experts say

you should answer those honestly and directly.

"To interact honestly and simply with a child's questions and a child's experiences in the school environment, wherever they are, is really important,"

said the Rev. Nada Sellers, a pastor at Rocky Hill Congregational and member of Moms Demand Action.

Sellers has worked with families through times of loss and grief in her role as a pastor. She said kids don't need to know every detail of a tragedy, particularly if they don't ask about it.

"But they need to have somebody who cares for them and loves them answer their questions honestly and clearly and simply," Sellers said.

Caregivers should also keep an open line of communication and make sure children know they can ask questions later — it's not just one conversation, experts said.

The amount of information a child needs to know will vary based on their age and between children, Santos said. Parents know their kids best and can gauge what they're ready to hear, she added.

Lang said parents should also try to limit their kids' exposure to media about the shooting as more details emerge.

"It can become traumatizing to hear about that again and again," Lang said.

**Reassure them:** Let kids know they are loved and that the adults in their lives are doing everything they can to keep them safe, experts said.

This means, in part, reassuring them that they are safe emotionally, Steck said.

"I think that we as adults have to provide the sense of safety for our children and make sure they know we will get through this," Steck said. "It's a dark day in our country."

Kids might also ask questions about whether this is going to happen at their school. This might be something parents struggle to answer, experts said.

But they can remind them that the grown-ups who care about them — their teachers, superintendents and parents — are doing everything they can to keep them safe, Steck said.

"They need to know that they're loved, that parents and supporters will be there for them, that we're doing everything we can to keep them safe ... the reassurance that nothing's going to happen to you as much as we can help," Sellers said.

Some specifics about safety measures, such as door locks, drills or police officers at school, could also help, experts said.

**Be a role model:** Kids might also be worried about their caregivers; they can see when parents are worried and upset, Steck said.

"It's just important that families stick together," he said. "I know how hard this will be for some parents to do, but parents and caregivers are the ones that need to step in to communicate."

Parents can also tell their children how they're feeling in age-appropriate ways, Lang said.

"Model that it's OK to have those feelings, and it's understandable and that communicating and talking is important even if they're feeling really sad and scared," he said.

**Watch for long-term effects:** Kids might react to the shooting at different times and in different ways, so parents should keep communicating and monitoring their kids for long-term mental health effects, experts said.

If they're having continual symptoms over a longer period of time, parents can seek professional mental health help.

Some of those symptoms include changes in appetite, sleep, behavior, moodiness or excessive worry, Steck said.

In young children, symptoms may manifest in persistent headaches or stomach aches, Santos said.

"I think there's a balance between continuing to follow up on it and continuing to check in as we learn more about what happened," Lang said. "You also want to be careful not to ask about it indefinitely ... if a child seems like they [are] feeling better or have fewer concerns or questions or anxieties, they look like they're doing OK, then it may be time to not keep talking about it or asking about it."

Early on, those symptoms aren't likely a cause for concern, Lang said.

"For most families, I think they're going to be fine, and they're going to be able to navigate this and help their children through this, but for some, this is a more challenging issue," Steck said.

There are several resources available for parents who are concerned about their kids' mental health, including providers offering trauma treatment, the 211 system and other mental health resources.

More information about evidence-based treatment in Connecticut is available online.

**What state officials say:** Gov. Ned Lamont recalled the experience of telling his own children about 9/11 when asked about what message he might have for kids.

"It starts by telling people we love you," Lamont said. "We start by telling our kids, 'The people at your school love you, and they're doing everything they can to make sure you're safe and give you some comfort there.'"

Commissioner James Rovella, of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, also said that the state has put several measures in place to keep kids safe at school.

The state has spent \$70 million on 1,693 projects since 2016 to "harden" schools in several ways, including improved door locks, Rovella said.

He added that since Sandy Hook, communication between nonprofits, houses of worship, schools and law enforcement has improved. Schools now have resource officers on campus, he said.

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# WORLD & NATION

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## GOP blocks domestic terrorism bill

Senate measure fails in 1st test after spate of mass shootings

By Farnoush Amiri and Lisa Mascaro

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats' first attempt at responding to the back-to-back mass shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, Texas, failed Thursday in the Senate as Republicans blocked a domestic terrorism bill that would have opened debate on difficult questions surrounding hate crimes and gun safety.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., tried to nudge Republicans into taking up a domestic terrorism bill that had cleared the House quickly last week after mass shootings at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York, and a church in Southern California targeting people of color. He said it could become the basis for negotiation.

But the vote failed along party lines, raising fresh doubts about the possibility of robust debate, let alone eventual compromise, on gun safety measures. The final vote was 47-47, far short of the 60 needed to take up the bill. All Republicans voted against it.

"None of us are under any illusions this will be easy," Schumer said ahead of the vote.

Rejection of the bill, just two days after the mass shooting at Texas elementary school that killed 19 children and two teachers, brought into sharp relief Congress' persistent failure to pass legislation to curb the nation's epidemic of gun violence.



Sen. Chris Murphy addresses a rally with gun control advocacy groups Thursday in Washington. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY

Schumer said he will give bipartisan negotiations in the Senate about two weeks, while Congress is away for a break, to try to forge a compromise bill that could pass the 50-50 Senate, where 60 votes will be needed to overcome a filibuster.

A small, bipartisan group of senators who have for years sought to negotiate legislation on guns met Thursday for the second time searching any compromise that could win approval in Congress.

They narrowed to three topics — background checks for guns purchased online or at gun shows, red flag laws designed to keep guns away

from those who could harm themselves or others, and programs to bolster security at schools and other buildings.

"We have a range of options that we're going to work on," said Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., who is leading the negotiations.

Murphy has been working to push gun legislation since the 2012 attack at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, that killed 20 children and six educators. He was joined Thursday by Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and others.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., exited the meeting

saying there is no appetite for a federal red flag law or a so-called yellow flag law — which permits temporary firearm confiscation from people in danger of hurting themselves or others, if a medical practitioner signs off.

But Graham said there could be interest in providing money to the states that already have red flag laws or that want to develop them.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., who circulated a draft at the meeting, will work with Graham on a potential compromise.

"These laws save lives," Blumenthal said.

Toomey told reporters that Manchin-Toomey back-

ground check bill — which failed in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook shooting — still does not have enough support. Manchin said he hoped this time would be different.

"I can't get my grandchildren out of my mind. It could have been them," Manchin said.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who has said little about gun legislation since the recent tragedies unfolded, told reporters that he met with Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, earlier and encouraged senators to work together across the aisle on workable outcomes.

"I am hopeful that we

could come up with a bipartisan solution that's directly related to the facts of this awful massacre," McConnell said.

The domestic terrorism bill that failed Thursday, meanwhile, dates back to 2017, when Rep. Brad Schneider, D-Ill., first proposed it after mass shootings in Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs, Texas.

The House passed a similar measure by a voice vote in 2020, only to have it languish in the Senate. Since then, Republicans have turned against the legislation, with only one GOP lawmaker supporting passage in the House last week.

Republicans say the bill doesn't place enough emphasis on combating domestic terrorism committed by far-left groups. Under the bill, agencies would be required to produce a joint report every six months that assesses and quantifies domestic terrorism threats nationally, including threats by white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups.

Proponents say the bill will fill the gaps in intelligence-sharing among the Justice Department, Department of Homeland Security and the FBI so that officials can better track and respond to the growing threat of white extremist terrorism.

Under current law, the three federal agencies work to investigate, prevent and prosecute acts of domestic terrorism. But the bill would require each agency to open offices specifically dedicated to those tasks and create an interagency task force to combat the infiltration of white supremacy in the military.

## Shooting is latest fuel for conspiracy theory trolls

Tragedies regularly spur digital storms of misinformation

By David Klepper and Ali Swenson

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — By now it's as predictable as the calls for thoughts and prayers: A mass shooting leaves many dead, and wild conspiracy theories and misinformation about the carnage soon follow.

It happened after Sandy Hook, after Parkland, after the Orlando nightclub shooting and after the deadly rampage earlier this month at a Buffalo grocery store. Within hours of Tuesday's school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, another rash began as internet users spread baseless claims about the man named as the gunman and his possible motives.

Unfounded claims that the gunman was an immigrant living in the U.S. illegally, or transgender, quickly emerged on Twitter, Reddit and other social media platforms. They were accompanied by familiar conspiracy theories suggesting the entire shooting was somehow staged.

The claims reflect broader problems with racism and

intolerance toward transgender people, and are an effort to blame the shooting on minority groups who already endure higher rates of online harassment and hate crimes, according to disinformation expert Jaime Longoria.

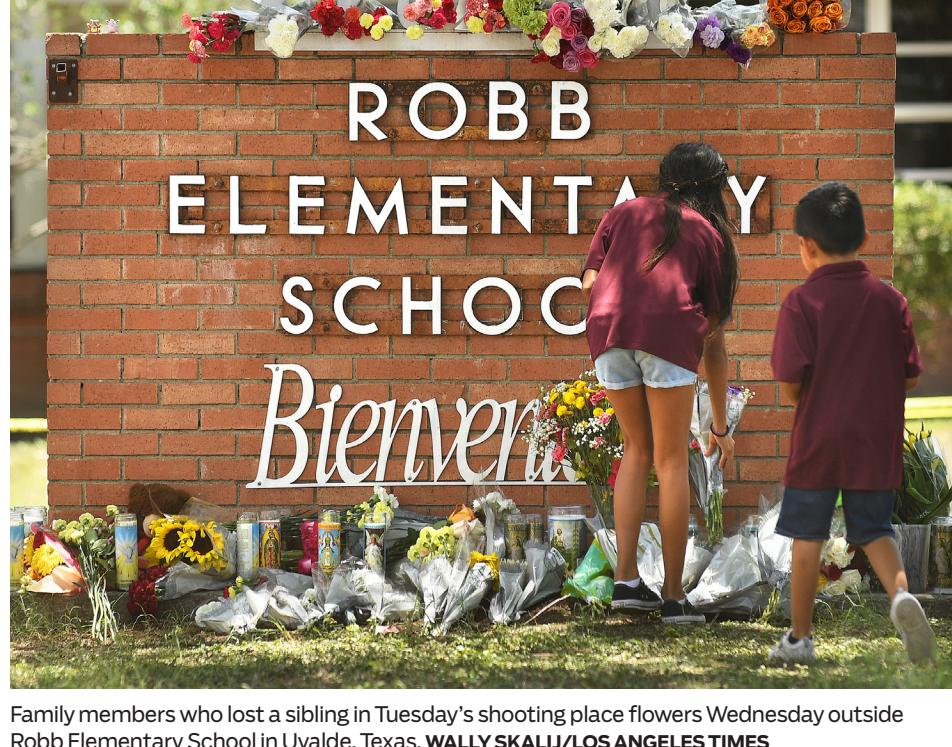
"It's a tactic that serves two purposes: It avoids real conversations about the issue (of gun violence), and it gives people who don't want to face reality a patsy, it gives them someone to blame," said Longoria, director of research at the Disinfo Defense League, a nonprofit that works to fight racist misinformation.

In the hours after the shooting, posts falsely claiming the gunman was living in the country illegally went viral, with some users adding embellishments, including that he was "on the run from Border Patrol."

"He was an illegal alien wanted for murder from El Salvador," read one tweet liked and retweeted hundreds of times. "This is blood on Biden's hands and should have never happened."

The man who authorities say carried out the shooting, 18-year-old Salvador Ramos, is a U.S. citizen, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said in a news conference Tuesday.

Sabrina said she received harassing responses on social media, particularly messages claiming that she was the shooter.



Family members who lost a sibling in Tuesday's shooting place flowers Wednesday outside Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. WALLY SKALIJ/LOS ANGELES TIMES

"This whole ordeal is just horrifying," Sabrina said.

Authorities have released no information on the gunman's sexuality or gender identification.

Arizona Congressman Paul Gosar fit both unfounded claims about Ramos into a single, now-deleted tweet that also misspelled his name. "It's a transsexual leftist illegal alien named Salvatore Ramos," Gosar tweeted Tuesday night.

Gosar's office did not return a message seeking comment.

In some cases, misinformation about mass shootings or other events is spread by well-intentioned social media users trying to be helpful. In other cases, it can be the work of grifters looking to start fake fundraisers or draw attention to their website or organization.

Then there are the trolls who seemingly do it for fun.

Fringe online communities, including on 4chan, often use mass shootings and other tragedies as opportunities to sow chaos, troll the public and push harmful narratives, accord-

ing to Ben Decker, founder and CEO of the digital investigations consultancy Memetica.

"It is very intentional and deliberate for them in celebrating these types of incidents to also influence what the mainstream conversations actually are," Decker said. "There's a nihilistic desire to prove oneself in these types of communities by successfully trolling the public. So if you are able to spearhead a campaign that leads to an outcome like this, you're gaining increased sort of in-group credibility."

## NRA to 'reflect on' school shooting at convention

By Juan Lozano and David A. Lieb  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The National Rifle Association begins its annual convention in Houston on Friday, and leaders of the powerful gun-rights lobbying group are gearing up to "reflect on" — and deflect any blame for — the deadly shooting earlier this week of 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

Former President Donald Trump and other leading Republicans are scheduled to address the three-day firearms industry marketing event, which is expected to draw protesters demanding action against gun violence.

Some scheduled speakers and performers have backed out, including two Texas lawmakers and "American Pie" singer Don McLean, who said "it would be disrespectful" to go ahead with his act.

While President Joe

Biden and Democrats in Congress have renewed calls for stricter gun laws. NRA board member Phil Journey said the focus should be on better mental health care and trying to prevent gun violence. He said he wouldn't support banning or limiting access to firearms.

The NRA said in a statement that meeting attendees will "reflect on" the Uvalde school shooting, "pray for the victims, recognize our patriotic members, and pledge to redouble our

commitment to making our schools secure."

There is precedent for the NRA to gather amid local mourning and controversy. The organization held a shortened version of its 1999 meeting in Denver roughly a week after the deadly shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado.

Actor Charlton Heston, the NRA president at that time, told attendees that "horrible acts" shouldn't become opportunities to limit constitutional rights.



A gun-control advocate protests Wednesday outside NRA headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY

## WORLD &amp; NATION

## NEWS BRIEFING

## US eyes nations against Russia's war to counter long-term China threat

From news services

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Thursday the Biden administration aims to lead the international bloc opposed to Russia's invasion of Ukraine into a broader coalition to counter what it sees as a more serious, long-term threat to global order from China.

Outlining the administration's China policy in a speech at George Washington University, Blinken laid out a three-pillar approach to competing with Beijing in a race to define the 21st century's economic and military balance.

While the U.S. sees Russia and Russian President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine as the most acute and immediate threat to international stability, Blinken said the administration believes China poses a greater danger.

"We will remain focused on the most serious long-term challenge to the international order — and that is the one posed by the People's Republic of China," Blinken said.

"China is the only country with both the intent to reshape the international order — and, increasingly, the economic, diplomatic, military, and technological power to do it," he added.

Blinken laid out principles for the administration to marshal its resources, friends and allies to push back on increasing Chinese assertiveness around the world. Although he made clear that the U.S. does not seek to change China's political system, rather it wants to offer a tested alternative.

"It's about giving them a choice," he said.

However, he also acknowledged that the U.S. has limited ability to directly influence China's intentions and ambitions.

tions and will instead focus on shaping the strategic environment around China.

Blinken's address was delivered overnight in China. There was no immediate reaction to the speech from the Chinese embassy in Washington.

**Actor Spacey charged:** British prosecutors said Thursday they have charged actor Kevin Spacey with four counts of sexual assault against three men, an announcement that came as the actor was in a New York court testifying in a different case. The Crown Prosecution Service said Spacey "has also been charged with causing a person to engage in penetrative sexual activity without consent." The alleged incidents took place in London between March 2005 and August 2008, and in western England in April 2013. The alleged victims are now in their 30s and 40s.

Rosemary Ainslie, head of the service's Special Crime Division, said the charges followed a review of evidence gathered by London's Metropolitan Police.

Spacey's celebrated career came to an abrupt halt in 2017 when actor Anthony Rapp accused the star of assaulting him in the 1980s, when Rapp was a teenager. Spacey denies the allegations. Spacey testified Thursday in a civil lawsuit filed by Rapp.

**Antiviral drug access:** The White House on Thursday announced more steps to make the antiviral treatment Paxlovid more accessible across the U.S. as it projects COVID-19 infections will continue to spread over the summer travel season.

The nation's first federally backed test-to-treat site is slated to open Thursday in Rhode Island. More federally supported sites are set to



**Somber duty:** Members of the Army's 3rd Infantry Regiment place flags at the headstones of U.S. military personnel Thursday at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. With Memorial Day coming up Monday, nearly 1,000 service members entered the cemetery before dawn to place a flag in front of each of the more than 260,000 headstones. **DREW ANGERER/GETTY**

open soon in Massachusetts and New York City, both hit by a marked rise in infections.

Next week, the U.S. will send authorized federal prescribers to several Minnesota-run testing sites, turning them into test-to-treat locations. Confirmed infections in the U.S. have quadrupled since late March, from about 25,000 a day to more than 105,000 daily now. Deaths, which have tended to lag infections by three to four weeks over the course of the pandemic, have declined steadily and are fewer than 300 per day.

**Slain journalist probe:** The Palestinian Authority on Thursday announced the results of its investigation into the shooting death of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, saying it had proven she was deliberately killed by Israeli forces.

Israel rejected the findings, with Defense Minister Benny Gantz calling them "a blatant lie."

Abu Akleh, a veteran Palestinian American reporter, was shot in the head May 11 during an Israeli military raid in the city of Jenin in the occupied West Bank.

Witnesses and Palestinian officials have said she was hit by Israeli fire. Israel says she was shot during a battle between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian militants. It says that only a ballistic analysis of the bullet, which is held by the Palestinian Authority, and the soldiers' guns can determine who fired the fatal shot.

Abu Akleh was in a group of journalists wearing helmets and protective vests marked "press." Palestinian Attorney General Akram Al Khateeb said the army saw the group and knew they were journalists. He accused Israel of shooting Abu Akleh "directly and deliberately."

**China visits South Pacific:** China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi and a sizable delegation arrived in the Solomon Islands on Thursday at the

start of an eight-nation tour that comes amid growing concerns about Beijing's military and financial ambitions in the South Pacific region.

China says the trip builds on a long history of friendly relations between Beijing and the island nations.

Australia sent its own foreign minister, Penny Wong, to Fiji to shore up support in the Pacific. Wong had been on the job just five days following Australia's election.

China signed a security pact with the Solomon Islands last month in a move that sent shock waves around the world. The pact raised fears that China could send troops to the island nation or establish a military base there, not far from Australia.

The Solomon Islands and China say there are no plans for a base.

**Pardoned after 329 years:** The last Salem "witch" who wasn't has been officially pardoned.

Massachusetts lawmakers on Thursday formally exonerated Elizabeth Johnson Jr., clearing her name 329 years after she was convicted of witchcraft in 1693 and sentenced to death at the height of the Salem Witch Trials.

Johnson was never executed, but neither was she officially pardoned like others wrongly accused of witchcraft.

Johnson is the last accused witch to be cleared, according to Witches of Massachusetts Bay, a group devoted to the history and lore of the 17th-century witch hunts.

Twenty people from Salem and neighboring towns were killed and hundreds of others accused during a frenzy of Puritan injustice that began in 1692, stoked by superstition, fear of disease and strangers, scapegoating and petty jealousies.

Nineteen of them were hanged, and one man was crushed to death by rocks.

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# Shelters strained by migrant influx

Informal pipeline now key resource in federal response

By Eileen Sullivan

The New York Times

**SAN BENITO, Texas** — When seven newly arrived migrants were released from government custody on a recent afternoon with nowhere to stay the night, an emergency shelter in this small border city answered the call, sending a volunteer to make his fifth such pickup of the day from nearby Brownsville.

The shelter, La Posada Providencia, had hot food waiting, and ramen noodles for later if the migrants were still hungry. Several of the men, who had come from Cuba and Nicaragua, quickly collapsed on cots fitted with clean sheets. The volunteer would drive them to the airport the next morning, and they would continue their journey northward.

As the United States experiences the largest wave of migration at the southwestern border in decades, it is increasingly relying on an informal pipeline of shelters and other way stations to house and feed migrants who are allowed to stay on a temporary basis, many of whom are seeking asylum, and to help them arrange travel from border communities to wherever they plan to wait — potentially for years — for their immigration court proceedings.

From the time President Joe Biden took office last year through April, the government has admitted about a quarter of the migrants apprehended at the southwestern border for entering the country illegally, or about 700,000 out of 2.7 million, according to an analysis of federal data. The rest have been swiftly expelled under an emergency public health order related to the pandemic, or sent back under another



Migrants arrive May 3 at La Posada Providencia, a temporary shelter in San Benito, Texas. **KIRSTEN LUCE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

legal authority. On May 20, a federal judge ordered that the rule, which was supposed to be lifted Monday, remain in place. The administration said it would appeal.

Already though, many of the migrants crossing each day are being let in — of the record 234,088 migrants who arrived in April, nearly half were released into the country for various reasons, including humanitarian exceptions to the public health order and insufficient detention space. In some cases, the government cannot expel people — Cubans and Venezuelans, for example — because it has no diplomatic relations with the country of origin.

As the Biden administration sees about 8,200 border crossings a day — far more than at this time last year — it is counting on small nonprofit organizations like La Posada Providencia to manage the influx

into border cities and towns, helping to stave off politically explosive images of chaos and disorder before the November midterms.

Some of the shelters, though, are becoming overwhelmed. So many migrants are crossing the border near El Paso that a shelter there is working with the city to quickly bring on more staff and add space. A shelter in Eagle Pass is also reaching capacity and looking for ways to move migrants out of town faster.

"You're going to see many, many individuals having to be released to the street," Ruben Garcia, director of the El Paso shelter, warned during a news conference last week.

Whether providing a meal, a place to cool off or sleep, legal guidance, medical care, transportation or help figuring out how to reach a destination, these shelters and centers, some-

times working with state and local officials, fill a void in the country's outdated immigration system.

The Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement have informally relied on such places for years. But the Biden administration, facing significant pressure to show it was prepared for the end of the public health order, recently made them a central piece of its response plan and included modest funding for the organizations — \$150 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency grants — in its annual budget request, a first.

Still, it is a far cry from the formal relationship the government has with nine resettlement agencies it contracts with to provide an array of services to refugees, such as those who came from Afghanistan over the past year and who are coming now from Ukraine.

For years, the people crossing the southwestern border without documentation were largely single Mexican men. That started to change in 2011, and changed all the more in 2014, when people from other Central American countries, including entire families, started fleeing rampant violence.

At the time, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen, Texas, took in hundreds of families that crossed near the southernmost tip of the state. There, the migrants would receive medical attention, shelter and supplies to help get them through the hours of travel that lay ahead en route to their destinations.

Before the church stepped in, migrants were simply dropped off at the local bus station after they were released by Border Patrol officials.

But as more families crossed, the church became

overwhelmed. Volunteers called on Sister Norma Pimentel, executive director of the Catholic Charities branch in the Rio Grande Valley. Since then, Pimentel has overseen a short-term shelter and aid center that can host 1,200 people in downtown McAllen, just across the street from the bus station.

Typically, the migrants coming through the centers already have contacts in the United States and plans to unite with them, often setting off within hours of being released from government custody. At many of the centers, employees and volunteers will call migrants' relatives or friends to confirm their plans, and help them buy a bus or plane ticket, typically paid for by the migrants or their contacts.

Many migrants take buses from border towns to cities with major airports, then fly to their destinations, typically Houston, Miami, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Washington or Los Angeles.

Recently, however, more migrants are appearing without a plan or a contact. Shelters can quickly become overwhelmed in such circumstances.

The release of hundreds of thousands of migrants into the country over the past year is not the result of a clearly defined immigration policy but is, in many cases, a consequence of the government's inability to expel them for various reasons. And unless the outdated immigration laws are changed, the pattern will continue, many said, adding that as it is now, the shelters and respite centers need far more support than the FEMA grants provide.

"It's a temporary solution. It should not be how we support organizations doing this," said Marisa Limon Garza, senior director for advocacy and programming at the Hope Border Institute, a human rights organization in El Paso. "It's unsustainable."



Damaged buildings ruined by Russian bombardment line the streets of Irpin, a town on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. **NATALIA PISARENKO/AP**

## WAR IN UKRAINE

# Russia slams sanctions, seeks to blame West for food crisis

By Ricardo Mazalan and Elena Becatoros

Associated Press

**KYIV, Ukraine** — Moscow pressed the West on Thursday to lift sanctions against Russia over the war in Ukraine, seeking to shift the blame for a growing food crisis that has been worsened by Kyiv's inability to ship millions of tons of grain and other agricultural products due to the conflict.

Britain immediately accused Russia of "trying to hold the world to ransom," insisting there would be no sanctions relief, and a top U.S. diplomat blasted the "sheer barbarity, sadistic cruelty and lawlessness" of the invasion.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi that Moscow "is ready to make a significant contribution to overcoming the food crisis through the export of grain and fertilizer on the condition that politically motivated restrictions imposed by the West are lifted," according to a Kremlin readout of the call.

Ukraine is one of the world's largest export-

ers of wheat, corn and sunflower oil, but the war and a Russian blockade of its ports has halted much of that flow, endangering world food supplies. Many of those ports are now also heavily mined.

Russia also is a significant grain exporter, and Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the West "must cancel the unlawful decisions that hamper chartering ships and exporting grain." His comments appeared to be an effort to lump the blockade of Ukrainian exports with what Russia says are its difficulties in moving its own goods.

Western officials have dismissed those claims.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken noted last week that food, fertilizer and seeds are exempt from sanctions — and that Washington is working to ensure countries know the flow of those goods should not be affected.

With the war grinding into its fourth month, world leaders have ramped up calls for solutions. World Trade Organization Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said about 25

million tons of Ukrainian grain is in storage and another 25 million tons could be harvested next month.

European countries have tried to ease the crisis by moving grain out of the country by rail — but trains can carry only a small fraction of what Ukraine produces. Ships are needed for the bulk of the exports.

At the same time, the Russian Defense Ministry proposed a corridor to allow foreign ships to leave Black Sea ports and another to allow vessels to leave Mariupol on the Sea of Azov.

Mikhail Mizintsev, who heads Russia's National Defense Control Center, said 70 foreign vessels from 16 countries are in six ports on the Black Sea, including Odesa.

Ukraine expressed skepticism. Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said his country was ready to agree on safe corridors in principle. He said the issue was how to ensure that "Russia will not violate the agreement on the safe passage and its military vessels will not sneak into the harbor and attack Odesa."

# Appeals court rules Trump must testify in NY civil probe

By Michael R. Sisak

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Former President Donald Trump must answer questions under oath in the New York attorney general's civil investigation into his business practices, a state appeals court ruled Thursday, rejecting his argument that he be excused from testifying because his answers could be used in a parallel criminal probe.

A four-judge panel in the appellate division of the state's trial court upheld Judge Arthur Engoron's Feb. 17 ruling, which enforced subpoenas requiring that Trump and his two eldest children — Ivanka Trump and Donald Trump Jr. — give deposition testimony in Attorney General Letitia James' probe.

"The existence of a criminal investigation does not preclude civil discovery of related facts, at which a party may exercise the privilege against self-incrimination," the appellate panel wrote, citing the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and other legal protections for witnesses.

Lawyers for the Trumps agreed in March that they would sit for depositions within 14 days of an appellate panel decision upholding Engoron's ruling. They could also appeal the decision to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, delaying the matter and the Trumps' potential testimony indefinitely.

A message seeking comment was left with lawyers for the Trumps.

James tweeted that her investigation "will continue undeterred because no one is above the law."

"Once again, the courts have ruled that Donald Trump must comply with our lawful investigation into his financial dealings," she said in a written statement. "We will continue to follow the facts of this case



A New York court rejected an argument by former President Donald Trump. **KENNETH FERRIERA/LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR**

and ensure that no one can evade the law."

James has said her investigation has uncovered evidence Trump's company, the Trump Organization, used "fraudulent or misleading" valuations of assets like golf courses and skyscrapers to get loans and tax benefits. Ivanka and Donald Trump Jr. have both been executives in the Trump Organization and are among their father's most trusted allies.

The appellate panel, in its ruling, described the investigation as focusing on whether the Trumps "committed persistent fraud in their financial practices and disclosures."

Trump, a Republican, denies the allegations and has said James' investigation in part of a politically motivated "witch hunt."

In appealing Engoron's subpoena ruling, his lawyers argued that James, a Democrat, was engaging in "selective prosecution." The appellate panel rejected that, saying the investigation was on solid legal footing and that the Trumps showed no evidence they or their company were "treated differently" than other companies under similar scrutiny.

A lawyer for the Trumps, Alan Futerfas, told the appellate panel in oral arguments May 11 that James

appeared to be using civil subpoenas to get around a New York law that requires immunity for people testifying before a criminal grand jury.

Judith Vale, arguing on behalf of James' office, countered there was ample evidence from the civil investigation to support subpoenas for the Trumps' testimony.

She also cited legal precedent allowing the attorney general's office to do so, and said the Trumps could always invoke their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination — as Trump's son Eric did hundreds of times in a 2020 deposition.

Appellate Court Judge Rolando Acosta appeared to agree with that position as he questioned Futerfas.

Many Trump says in a civil deposition in James' investigation could be used against him in the criminal probe being overseen by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

Last summer, spurred by evidence uncovered by James' office, the DA's office charged the Trump Organization and its longtime finance chief, Allen Weisselberg, with tax fraud, alleging he collected more than \$1.7 million in off-the-books compensation. Weisselberg and the company have pleaded not guilty.

## WORLD &amp; NATION

# Poll: Russia slipping as US priority

More Americans say economy should be greater concern now

By Nomaan Merchant  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are becoming less supportive of punishing Russia for launching its invasion of Ukraine if it comes at the expense of the U.S. economy, a sign of rising anxiety over inflation and other challenges, according to a new poll.

While broad support for U.S. sanctions has not faltered, the balance of opinion on prioritizing sanctions over the economy has shifted, according to the poll from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Now 45% of U.S. adults say the nation's bigger priority should be sanctioning Russia as effectively as possible, while slightly more — 51% — say it should be limiting damage to the U.S. economy.

In April, those figures were reversed.

In March, shortly after Russia attacked Ukraine, a majority — 55% — said the bigger priority should be sanctioning Russia as effectively as possible.

The shifts in opinion reflect how rising prices are biting into American households — surging costs for gas, groceries and other commodities have strained budgets for millions, perhaps limiting their willingness to support Ukraine financially. That may be a troubling sign for President Joe Biden, who last week approved an additional \$40 billion in funding to help Ukraine.

The poll shows low faith in him to handle the situation, and an overall approval rating that hit the lowest point of his presidency.

"We're killing ourselves," said Jeanette Ellis-Carter, a retired accountant in



A young boy sits in front of a damaged building after a strike in Kramatorsk in the eastern Ukrainian region of Donbas on Wednesday. **ARIS MESSINIS/GETTY-AFP**

Cincinnati, Ohio. "We can help other people, but in helping other people, we have to know how to help ourselves. And we're not doing that."

Ellis-Carter, 70, noted that annual inflation topping 8% would erase any cost-of-living adjustment for retirees, especially with the rising costs of health care and food. She continues to do accounting work but has lost small-business clients who no longer can afford to hire her.

The poll shows wide majorities of U.S. adults continue to favor imposing sanctions on Russia, banning Russian oil imports and providing weapons to Ukraine. And most U.S. adults continue to say the U.S. should have a role in the war between Russia and Ukraine: 32% say the U.S.

should have a major role in the conflict, while 49% say it should have a minor role.

But there's muted support for sending funds to Ukraine. Forty-four percent of Americans say they favor sending funds, while 32% are opposed and 23% are neither in favor nor opposed.

The new poll shows 21% of Americans say they have "a great deal of confidence" in Biden's ability to handle the situation in Ukraine; 39% say they have some confidence and 39% say they have hardly any.

"Sometimes we get involved in things that we really shouldn't, and it's going to make things worse," said Angelica Christensen, 33, of Ithaca, N.Y. "We need to focus right now on building up our economy."

The U.S. and European allies have imposed several

rounds of sanctions on Russia, cutting off major banks from global transactions and going directly after Russian President Vladimir Putin, top leaders and their families. The U.S. also banned the importation of Russian oil.

While Russian oil makes up a small part of America's total energy imports, the ban comes as gas prices have surged in recent months, hitting \$4.71 per gallon, or \$1.61 higher than a year ago. Supply chain problems and increased economic demand as COVID-19 restrictions ease have contributed to rising prices. Biden and many Democrats have accused gas companies of price gouging, while Republicans say the White House should support increased domestic oil and natural gas drilling.

Overall, 45% of Americans approve of Biden's handling of the U.S. relationship with Russia, while 54% disapprove. That's held steady since the conflict began. Seventy-three percent of Democrats and 15% of Republicans approve.

Shantha Bunyan, a 43-year-old from Loveland, Colorado, said she still supports Biden and believes he's performed better than former President Donald Trump. She's heard jokes that the most expensive place to visit in town is the local gas station. But Bunyan, who spent years traveling abroad before the pandemic began and lived for a month in Moscow, said she believes the U.S. has to continue to sacrifice to support Ukraine's resistance.

"We seem to think that everything that goes on in

the world isn't going to affect us and that we live in some sort of a bubble," she said. "It seems to me that anything that happens in the rest of the world is going to affect us. Unless we do something proactive, our economy is going to be affected anyway."

But Jackie Perry, a 62-year-old from Centre, Alabama, said while she sympathized with Ukrainians and believes Russia was unjustified in launching its invasion, the White House needed to focus more on the economy. She has had to cut back on driving because gas is too expensive.

"They don't have to worry about the price of gas," she said about the Biden administration. "If they were more interested in the people that they're supposed to be serving, our gas wouldn't be that high."

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## Data: CEO pay rose 17.1% in '21 while profits soared

Private-sector workers saw a 4.4% hike that failed to keep up with inflation

By Stan Choe

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even when regular workers win their biggest raises in decades, they look minuscule compared with what CEOs are getting.

The typical compensation package for chief executives who run S&P 500 companies soared 17.1% last year, to a median \$14.5 million, according to data analyzed for Associated Press by Equilar.

The gain towers over the 4.4% increase in wages and benefits netted by private-sector workers through 2021, which was the fastest on record going back to 2001. The raises for many rank-and-file workers also failed to keep up with inflation, which reached 7% at the end of last year.

CEO pay took off as stock prices and profits rebounded sharply when the economy roared out of its brief 2020 recession. Because much of a CEO's compensation is tied to such performance, their pay packages ballooned after years of mostly moderating growth.

In many of the most eye-popping packages, such as Expedia Group's, valued at \$296.2 million and JPMorgan Chase's \$84.4 million, boards gave particularly big grants of stock or stock options to recently appointed CEOs navigating their companies through the pandemic or to established leaders they wanted to convince to hang around.

The CEOs often can't cash in on such stock or options for years, or possibly ever, unless the company meets performance targets. But companies still must disclose estimates for how much they're worth. Only about a quarter of the typical pay package for all S&P 500 CEOs last year came as actual cash they could pocket.

Whatever its composition, the chasm in pay between CEOs and the rank-and-file workers they oversee keeps widening. At half the companies in this year's pay survey, it would take the worker at the middle of the company's pay scale at least 186 years to make what their CEO did last year. That's up from 166 a year earlier.

Gains for CEO pay had been slowing in

recent years, with the median rise easing from 8.5% in 2017 to 4.1% in 2019. It ticked back up to 5% in 2020, which was a complicated year because the pandemic shut down the economy and profits at many companies tanked.

For 2020, many companies rejigged the intricate formulas they created to determine their CEOs' pay. The tweaks made up for losses caused by the pandemic, something many boards said was an extraordinary event outside the CEO's control.

Then came 2021. Thanks to a reopened economy, super-low interest rates from the Federal Reserve and other factors, stock prices soared and the S&P 500 jumped nearly 27%, setting records through the year. Earnings per share soared roughly 50%.

Throughout the year, CEOs had to navigate snarled supply chains and shortages of chips and other key materials that affected businesses across industries, said Dan Laddin, a partner at Compensation Advisory Partners, a consulting firm that works with boards.

## US economy shrank in Q1 as spending stayed solid

By Paul Wiseman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy shrank in the first three months of the year even though consumers and businesses kept spending at a solid pace, the government reported Thursday in a slight downgrade of its previous estimate for the January-March quarter.

Last quarter's drop in the U.S. gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of economic output — does not likely signal the start of a recession. The contraction was caused, in part, by a wider trade gap: The nation spent more on imports than other countries did on U.S. exports. The trade gap slashed first-quarter GDP by 3.2 percentage points.

And a slower restocking of goods in stores and warehouses, which had built up their inventories in the previous quarter for the 2021 holiday season, knocked nearly 1.1 percentage points off the January-March GDP.

Analysts say the economy has likely resumed growing in the current April-June quarter.

The Commerce Department estimated that the economy contracted at a 1.5% annual pace from January through March, a slight downward revision from its first estimate of 1.4%, which it issued last month.

It was the first drop in GDP since the second quarter of 2020 — in the depths of the COVID-19 recession — and followed a robust 6.9% expansion in the final three months of 2021.

The nation remains stuck in the painful grip of high inflation. Though many U.S. workers have been receiving sizable pay raises, their wages in most cases haven't kept pace with inflation. In April, consumer prices jumped 8.3% from a year earlier, just below the fastest such rise in four decades, set one month earlier.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## Justices OK fed carbon calculus

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed the Biden administration to use a higher estimate, challenged by Republican-led states, for calculating damage to people and the environment from greenhouse gas emissions.

The justices did not comment in refusing to put back in place an order from a federal judge in Louisiana that had blocked the administration from putting greater emphasis on potential damage from greenhouse gas emissions when creating rules for polluting industries. Louisiana led nine states in asking the high court to intervene.

The approach uses the "social cost of carbon" to calculate future climate damages to justify tougher restrictions for fossil fuels, transportation and other industries.

## Twitter to pay \$150M penalty

WASHINGTON — Twitter will pay a \$150 million penalty and put in new safeguards to settle federal regulators' allegations that the social media platform failed to protect the privacy of users' data over a six-year span.

The Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission announced the settlement Wednesday with Twitter. The regulators allege Twitter violated a 2011 FTC order by deceiving more than 140 million users.

From May 2013 to September 2019, Twitter told users it was collecting their phone numbers and email addresses for purposes of account security. But it failed to disclose that it also would use the information to enable companies to send targeted online ads to users on the platform, the government alleged.



Houses seen last month now occupy part of a 144-acre golf course in Phoenix that closed in 2015. Developers nationwide are finding potential sites for housing construction on struggling and closed golf courses, but challenges also exist. ADRIANA ZEHBRAUSKAS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

## From fairways to driveways

Struggling golf courses are prime sites to combat crunch for housing felt around US

By Keith Schneider

The New York Times

SAN TAN VALLEY, Ariz. — Buffeted by rising costs and declining interest from golfers, the Links at Queen Creek course closed two years ago after 26 years of operation. But with the demand for housing in Arizona soaring, Walt Brown saw a different fate for the 106-acre parcel of grass and palm trees southeast of Phoenix.

Brown, CEO of Diversified Partners, a developer in Scottsdale, bought the property this year for \$16.8 million. His new project, the Ironwood Springs Ranch, will include 172 homes on nearly 49 acres.

Across the country, developers see potential for construction on struggling golf courses. Large expanses of grass and trees sown into the fabric of prosperous communities look like open space ripe for development. When it comes to golf courses, though, developers have learned to be cautious.

The two biggest challenges are strict

zoning regulations and community resistance, experts say.

Brown received county approval for his project, which will include stores, restaurants and a hotel on more than 30 acres, as well as walking trails that wind around two small lakes and through a public park.

"We were able to work through the zoning," he said. "After we showed residents the totality of our project, the trails and the park, neighbors were really cooperative."

For residential developers, the opportunities are numerous: From 1986 to 2006, 4,400 courses were built around the country, according to the National Golf Foundation, an industry research group. But since then, more than 1,000 have closed. Many others have gone on the market as revenues decline and operational expenses climb, including the high cost of water for irrigation.

That is especially true in Arizona, where every day in the summer, golf courses consume 3 to 5 acre-feet of water, or nearly 326,000 gallons, which can cost \$1,000, depending on the water source. The state's 302 courses use nearly 4 billion gallons of water per year, according to the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

Ridgewood Real Estate Partners, a New Jersey firm that specializes in golf course redevelopment, has collaborated with Concert Golf Partners of Florida to redevelop exclusive private golf clubs in Pennsylvania and Florida. Concert Golf buys the clubs, then renovates and takes over operations of clubhouses and recreational assets.

Ridgewood buys land on the closed courses for home construction.

In overhauling the country clubs, Ridgewood and Concert Golf were able to solve a major impediment to redeveloping old and troubled courses: redesigning and installing water supply and drainage infrastructure.

"Water systems used for a golf course are much different than what is needed for new homes and businesses," said Brent Billingsley, community development director for Pinal County, Arizona.

A bigger challenge was public opposition. Fierce fights have erupted in Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, New York and Nevada, typically involving homeowners battling to keep courses operating to preserve their home values, neighbors objecting to more traffic or communities blocking zoning changes to prevent new homes or to preserve the course as public open space.

## Allies mull sanctions buyout for oligarchs

By Rob Gillies and Frank Jordans

Associated Press

BERLIN — Western allies are considering whether to allow Russian oligarchs to buy their way out of sanctions and using the money to rebuild Ukraine, according to government officials familiar with the matter.

Canadian Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland proposed the idea last week at a G-7 finance ministers' meeting in Germany.

Freeland raised the issue after oligarchs spoke to her about it, one official said. The Canadian minister knows some Russian oligarchs from her time as a journalist in Moscow.

The official said the Ukrainians were aware of the discussions. The official said it's also in the West's interests to have prominent oligarchs dissociate themselves with Russian President Vladimir Putin while at the same time providing funding for Ukraine.

"We would not be talking about this if there wasn't some comfort on the part of the Ukrainians, the official said. "We need to know that it works for them, too."

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak publicly about internal G-7 discussions.

The proposal was raised in the context of providing additional money to Ukraine and how the frozen funds and assets of

oligarchs could be a source of funds.

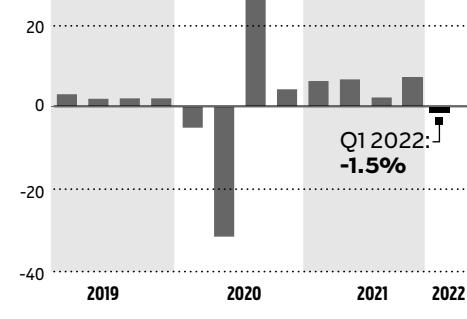
At this point, it is just an idea, the official said, but Western allies have expressed interest. European Union officials have talked about the need to look at different and new avenues of confiscating assets and proving money to Ukraine.

Western countries have imposed a raft of sanctions on oligarchs in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Many of their multibillion-dollar fortunes are intertwined with investments in the West.

Former Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich, who was sanctioned over his links to Putin, has said that net proceeds from the sale of the British Premier League soccer team would be donated to victims of the war in Ukraine.

### GDP

Percent change from previous quarter, seasonally adjusted, advance estimate:



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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## BUSINESS



A draft document revealed dozens of hedge funds investing in former President Trump's social media company. Above, Trump in Nebraska. **TERRY RATZLAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

## Document reveals investors in Trump's social media firm

By Matthew Goldstein  
The New York Times

When former President Donald Trump's fledgling social media company and its merger partner announced in December that they had secured \$1 billion in additional private funds for the deal, it set off speculation about the identities of the investors.

Who were the roughly three dozen investors betting on the success of the former president's new company? Were they big Wall Street names? Political supporters of Trump? Technology and media funds sold on the promise of a right-wing alternative to Twitter?

A draft document shared with The New York Times about the \$1 billion investment — called a "private investment in public equity" or PIPE — sheds some light. In such a deal, an investor exchanges cash for shares that are later registered by the company for sale in the open market.

The investors are mostly a mix of small to midsize hedge funds based in the United States and Canada, according to the document.

The draft was circulated among investors Tuesday, and two people briefed on the matter said a final version was expected to be filed with regulators Thursday, although the timing could change.

The hedge funds Pentwater Capital and Sabby Management are two of the bigger investors in the private placement, as previously reported by the Times. Funds associated with Pentwater, a \$10 billion hedge fund based in Naples, Florida, stand to get the largest number of shares through the deal, according to the draft document.

Other big investors include Anson Funds Management, Kershner Trading Americas, K2 & Associates, Yorkville Advisors and MMCAP. Although they are not household names, some are well known in the hedge fund world for making PIPE investments, which often have lucrative terms. Many of Wall Street's biggest hedge funds passed on the opportunity because they were concerned about the optics of teaming up with Trump.

At least two of the invest-

tors on the list were not yet known.

One large investor is an entity called Truth SPC. The name appears to be a reference to Truth Social, the Twitter look-alike that is a flagship product of Trump's company, Trump Media & Technology Group. But online searches, including of U.S. corporate records, did not reveal any entity by that name.

Another large investor whose beneficial ownership is unclear is called Red Rowan Investments. The company appears to have been incorporated in December in the Cayman Islands.

The \$1 billion private placement is a critical financing element to the proposed deal between Trump Media and Digital World Acquisition, a "blank check" or special purpose acquisition company that went public in September. Digital World raised nearly \$300 million through its initial public offering.

Investors in the private placement are not required to turn over any money until the Securities and Exchange Commission approves the merger.

## Japan's weaker yen seen as both a blessing and a burden

By Yuri Kageyama  
Associated Press

TOKYO — The Japanese yen has weakened, trading in recent weeks at 20-year lows of 130 yen to the U.S. dollar just when prices of oil and other goods are surging partly due to the war in Ukraine.

The yen's value against the U.S. dollar and other currencies has fallen mainly because interest rates remain ultra-low in Japan but are rising in the U.S. and other countries. So Japanese who have seen prices barely inch up for many years, or even drop due to deflation, are doubly feeling the ripple effects of rising global inflation.

nesses, especially in high-tech, with opportunities in Japan.

The price she charges is set in yen and hasn't changed.

**Earning less:** Tran Ha Van isn't at all happy about what's happening with the yen.

For the nearly 10 years she's lived in Japan almost all of her income has been in yen. Every two months, the Vietnamese technology professional sends money home to her parents, a retired electronic engineer and a housewife.

"What I send them has dropped considerably in value," she said.

Tran studied Japanese intensively in Vietnam, graduated from a Japanese university, then worked at a major IT services company in sales and operation management.

She plans to start her own business with the yen she has saved up, using her bicultural and bilingual skills to connect Vietnamese busi-



A monitor shows the Japanese yen's exchange rate against the U.S. dollar on April 28 at a currency dealer in Tokyo. The yen has traded recently at 20-year lows. **KYODO NEWS**

ing a garden with rocks and trees.

Such deals include Japan's plentiful vacated homes, called "akiya," which number about 8.5 million nationwide, or 13% of all homes, according to a 2018 government study. Many once were occupied by families whose children moved away. As the parents age and pass on or move to assisted living facilities, the homes often sit abandoned.

For those with dollars buying the homes in yen, the added perk from the exchange rate buys more and adds up to quite a savings.

**Lure for tourists:** The cheap yen normally would draw foreign tourists eager to take advantage of stronger spending power.

But Japan has kept its borders basically shut to foreign tourists during the pandemic. Once the country reopens, the economy could get a lift from the weak yen. In 2019, before the pandemic, 32 million people visited from overseas.

The government soon will let small numbers of foreign tourists visit as "an experiment." Only visitors from the U.S., Thailand, Singapore and Australia will be welcome at first, and they must have a special visa, be triple-vaccinated and stick to specific schedules.

## MARKET RUNDOWN

Friday, May 27, 2022

**DOW**  
32,637.19 +516.91

**10-YR T-BOND**  
2.75% +.01

**GOLD**  
\$1,847.40 +1.20



Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 32,637.19

Change: 516.91 (1.6%)

10 DAYS

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### Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,637.19	+516.91	-10.19%
DOW Trans.	14,141.67	+397.70	-14.18%
DOW Util.	1,022.04	+1.32	+4.21%
NYSE Comp.	15,664.00	+251.80	-8.74%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,740.65	+305.91	-24.96%
S&P 500	4,057.84	+79.11	-14.86%
S&P 400	2,483.02	+56.46	-12.63%
Wilshire 5000	40,347.97	+832.69	-16.74%
Russell 2000	1,838.24	+39.08	-18.13%

### Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD	%CHG.
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	12.23	+.35	-.55	-50.0
AT&T Inc (T)	21.32	+.02	-13.3	-31.4
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	98.75	+6.10	-31.4	-31.4
Affirm Holdings Inc (AFRM)	28.02	+.50	-72.1	-72.1
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	17.24	+1.11	-4.0	-4.0
Amphenol Corp (APH)	69.92	+1.17	-20.1	-20.1
Apple Inc (AAPL)	143.78	+3.26	-19.0	-19.0
Apyx Medical Corp (APYX)	5.62	+1.92	-56.2	-56.2
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	47.89	-.58	-4.0	-4.0
Bank of America (BAC)	36.67	+.83	-17.6	-17.6
Barnes Group (B)	35.54	+.64	-23.7	-23.7
BlackSky Technology (BKSY)	221.51	+74.29	-7.4	-7.4
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	22,211.51	+74.29	-7.4	-7.4
Brist Myr Sb (BMY)	77.59	+.35	+24.4	+24.4
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	97.80	+.65	-5.2	-5.2
Carnival Corp (CCL)	13.21	+1.03	-34.3	-34.3
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	39.33	+1.04	-27.5	-27.5
Charter Communc (CHTR)	502.84	+15.23	-22.9	-22.9
Cigna Corp (CII)	268.88	+3.13	+17.1	+17.1
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	44.99	+.99	-29.0	-29.0
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	44.13	+.43	-12.3	-12.3
Created Inc (CRTD)	1.28	+.47	-38.8	-38.8
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	1.85	+.10	-62.9	-62.9
Disney (DIS)	105.61	+2.35	-31.8	-31.8
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	105.93	+1.47	-16.8	-16.8
Endo Int'l plc (ENDP)	.47	+.07	-87.5	-87.5
Ethan Allen (ETD)	23.26	+.83	-11.5	-11.5
Eversource Energy (ES)	92.19	+.04	+1.3	+1.3
Farfetch Ltd (FTCH)	7.68	+.58	-77.0	-77.0
Ford Motor (F)	13.12	+.41	-36.8	-36.8
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.98	+.35	-23.5	-23.5
Gen Dynamics (GD)	221.26	+1.21	+6.1	+6.1
Gen Electric (GE)	77.01	+2.48	-18.5	-18.5
Genocea Bioscience (GNCA)	.07	-.02	-93.6	-93.6
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.32	-.10	-67.5	-67.5
Guardian Health Sci (GHSI)	.20	+.06	-68.5	-68.5
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	70.70	+.85	+2.4	+2.4
Honeywell Int'l (HON)	193.10	+2.66	-7.4	-7.4
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.13	+.20	-23.8	-23.8
IQIYI Inc (IQ)	3.91	+.33	-14.3	-14.3
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.40	+.01	-81.5	-81.5
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.45	+.31	-27.1	-27.1
Intel Corp (INTC)	43.48	+1.28	-15.6	-15.6
Kaman (KAMN)	35.84	+.06	-16.9	-16.9
Keycorp (KEY)	19.92	+.40	-13.9	-13.9

### Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	114.09	110.33	+51.70%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.79	8.97	+135.52%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.88	3.83	+74.01%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

### Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ ForEx	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Britain	1.2594	.7940	1.2594	.7940	
Canada	.7830	1.2771	.7830	1.2771	
China	.1484	6.7389	.1484	6.7389	
Euro	1.0720	.9328	1.0720	.9328	
Japan	.007863	127.19	.007863	127.19	
Mexico	.050564	19.7771	.050564	19.7771	

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# OPINION

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## Bad week for Trump — at least there's that



**Gail Collins**  
Well, the people have spoken. Sort of. Several major elections this week, and the big story was Georgia. The race Donald Trump certainly seemed to care about most was a Republican primary there involving his enemy in Gov. Brian Kemp.

Trump, as the world knows, hates Kemp for insisting on reporting the accurate results of Georgia's voting in the 2020 presidential race. The rancor runs so deep that Trump's Save America PAC actually coughed up at least \$500,000 toward Kemp's defeat.

Normally, our ex-president sits on his cash like a nesting hen. Must have tugged at his heartstrings to see it being carted away. And to no avail, hehehehehehe. Trump recruited former Sen. David Perdue to run against his enemy, and Kemp demolished Perdue by more than 3 to 1. Same story with Brad Raffensperger, Georgia's secretary of state, who Trump told to "find 11,780 votes" after the presidential election and give him the win. Didn't happen! Yet this week, Raffensperger did so well with Georgia Republican voters that he's not even going to face a primary runoff.

If you've got an optimistic nature, here's a spin you can put on the whole story: Tuesday's results showed regular Republicans aren't still steaming about how the 2020 presidential election was stolen from their man. And they're not all going to the

polls to get revenge. They're ready to — dare I say it? — move on. No better example than Mike Pence, "I was for Brian Kemp before it was cool," the former vice president told a crowd near Atlanta.

Yes, he really said that. It will be remembered as yet another sign of the wrecked relationship between Trump and his former No. 2. It was also perhaps the only moment in U.S. history when Mike Pence was linked with the word "cool."

OK, that's enough voter happiness. Back down to Planet Earth. The newly reaffirmed Gov. Kemp announced Tuesday that he and his family were "heartbroken" by the "incomprehensible" school shooting in Texas.

Now, Kemp recently signed a bill that will allow Georgians to carry handguns in public pretty much whenever they feel like it — no license or background check required. You'd think — at least wish — that he'd consider a possible link between the wide, wide availability of firearms in this country and the tragic line of mass shooting deaths. Anything can make a difference.

Compared with the elementary school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, everything else about this week will be a political footnote. But some of the footnotes are certainly interesting. If we want to pick a theme for Tuesday's elections, it might be that Donald Trump's influence isn't nearly as strong as he thinks it is, and that he may be the only American voter whose chief preoccupation is revisiting the 2020 elec-

tion on an hourly basis.

Getting over it is something Trump can't abide. Consider the primary in Alabama for a Republican Senate candidate. Perhaps you remember — if you're very, very, very into elections — that Trump began by backing Rep. Mo Brooks, then changed his mind and unendorsed him? Cynics believed Trump had just decided Brooks was a loser, but it's also possible the congressman had offended our former president by urging voters to "look forward."

That's the wrong direction to mention when you're hanging out with the Trump camp.

"Mo Brooks of Alabama made a horrible mistake recently when he went 'woke' and stated, referring to the 2020 presidential election scam, 'Put that behind you, put that behind you,'" Trump said as he retracted his endorsement.

The outcome of all this drama was that Brooks got less than one-third of the vote, behind Katie Britt, the former chief of staff of retiring Sen. Richard Shelby. Since Britt failed to get 50%, there will be a runoff. The winner will face Democratic nominee Will Boyd this fall.

One addendum — which you should really skip over if you're feeling even modestly depressed: Both Britt and Brooks are in the gun camp as deep as humanly possible. Britt has ads in which she's aiming a rifle and promising to "shoot straight." The NRA, which endorsed Brooks, praised his efforts to protect "interstate transportation of firearms."

Those of us in states that are desperately trying to keep gun proliferation under control would appreciate it if he focused his energies on something else.

Trump's biggest election-night triumph may have been Herschel Walker, the former football player he backed for a Georgia Senate nomination. But Walker's competition wasn't exactly top-notch, and now he'll be running against Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock, who will probably take note of a few items on Walker's resume that Trump overlooked. Including allegations of domestic violence, refusal to take part in debates, and the day on the campaign trail when Walker expressed doubt about the theory of evolution. (If it were true, Walker mused, "Why are there still apes? Think about it?")

On the plus side, there was Walker's eagerness to spend \$200,000 entertaining people at Mar-a-Lago. Nothing, it appears, raises the former president's enthusiasm for a candidate like a willingness to make Donald Trump wealthier.

All told, reporters found that seven of the Republicans who Trump endorsed this year spent a total of more than \$400,000 in campaign money at the resort. So yeah, our ex-president lost a lot politically this election season. But he gained a chunk of cash.

Maybe he'll use some of it for tips when he speaks Friday at the NRA's three-day convention in Houston.

*Collins is a columnist for The New York Times.*

## Gun debate must break old patterns

**By Ramesh Ponnuru**  
Bloomberg Opinion

The mass murder of children in Uvalde, Texas, coming just 10 days after the mass murder of shoppers in Buffalo, New York, moved former Sen. Bill Frist — who was the majority leader of a Republican Senate under President George W. Bush — to issue a statement on guns: "We can find ways to preserve the Second Amendment while also safeguarding the lives of our children. ... The time to act is now."

The impulse to overcome long-standing divisions to find solutions is laudable. But the assumption behind Frist's comment, and much of the rest of the national discussion of gun crime, is that progress is mostly a matter of getting enough Americans to have the right sentiments.

There are three deep problems that all who share those sentiments have not been able to get past.

■ First: The mainstream gun control agenda of the last 30 years would have negligible effects even if enacted. When the Justice Department looked at the assault weapons ban in effect from 1995 to 2004, it concluded that a renewal's "effects on gun violence are likely to be small at best and perhaps too small for reliable measurement." A 2020 review of the research on assault weapons bans by the Rand Corporation found that even the effects on mass shootings were "inconclusive." Expanding background checks would achieve little, either. Most mass shooters have already passed them.

■ Second: Most people understand that these policies would have very small effects, and it makes support for them soft. Advocates of expanded background checks often cite polls that show very large majorities in favor of them; some polls also show majority support for a ban on assault weapons. But polls also find considerable skepticism about the effects of such laws. In 2017, Gallup asked whether "new gun control laws," if passed, would reduce the number of mass shootings. A 42% plurality said they wouldn't, while another 16% said they would matter "a little."

Numbers like that one help to explain



An 11-year-old boy smiles while holding a firearm during the NRA's annual convention in Dallas. LOREN ELLIOTT/GETTY-AFP 2018

why opponents of new restrictions can prevail even when they are outnumbered politically. The opponents, who say the new laws would be intolerable restrictions on their rights or would lead to them, are intensely motivated. A lot of supporters are lukewarm. And that in turn helps explain why even in a Democratic-run Senate in 2013, a new assault weapons ban garnered only 40 votes.

■ Third: More ambitious gun control proposals could have a substantial effect, but are nonstarters. A rigorously enforced ban on the civilian possession of handguns would slash gun violence. But the latest poll has only 19% of the public backing that idea. Support for it has been falling for 60 years. The Second Amendment of the Constitution bars it. And even if could somehow be enacted anyway, it would be impossible to

enforce effectively in a country estimated to have nearly 400 million firearms — a country, moreover, where nearly half of adults live in a household with guns.

None of this means that Americans should give up and accept the current levels of bloodshed. But it does suggest that there's a need to break out of the standard gun control debates.

In particular, it suggests that the authorities need better ways to identify individuals who pose a serious threat of lethal violence and to act on that assessment. Red-flag laws, which allow the disarmament of dangerous individuals, should be explored, although it remains to be seen whether they can make a difference while respecting civil liberties. State governments should also institute a duty to report serious threats. It's remarkable how many

mass shooters offered warning signs before committing their atrocities.

Better enforcement of existing laws, such as those against proxy purchases of guns for those who can't legally own them, and against falsifying information on background checks, might also help reduce gun violence generally (if not mass shootings specifically) without adding burdens to law-abiding gun owners and thus yielding the usual political impasse.

Such policies do not promise advocates the catharsis of lashing out at political and cultural enemies, which is one of the draws of ritualized gun arguments. But those arguments have led nowhere. Let's act now, yes, but only after we think.

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## How Federal Reserve's sins have set up our economy for disaster

**By EJ Antoni and Charles Beauchamp**  
The Heritage Foundation

For over a year, the Federal Reserve ignored myriad warning signs and continued injecting money into the economy. The result was the appearance of robust economic growth and a surge in demand, especially in the labor market, which ushered in decades-high inflation. But as the Fed belatedly raises rates, the veil is falling, and financial markets with it.

Oscar Wilde's "The Picture of Dorian Gray" offers a striking parallel to our situation. The novel's eponymous protagonist has a portrait that ages and decays while he remains youthful and vibrant. But his health is an illusion, while his portrait — hidden from view — contains the truth.

The massive liquidity infusions by the Fed have created a mirage of economic health. Large nominal gains in corporate earnings, asset values and even wages made the economy appear healthy. But after adjusting for the inflation caused by creating too much money, these economic

figures are at best disappointing and at worst negative.

That adjustment for inflation is the real picture of the economy, much like the portrait of Dorian Gray. It lays bare all the sins of the past. As evidence, in the first quarter of this year, the economy nominally grew at a robust 6.5% annual rate, but after adjusting for inflation, it really fell by 1.4%.

As reality sets in across financial markets, investors continue their sell-off. Equities continue to fall, with stocks experiencing the most consecutive weeks in the red since the Great Depression and seeing their worst losses since the panic-induced sell-off at the beginning of the pandemic.

Inflation has robbed consumers of their purchasing power, causing savings to be depleted, consumer debt to increase, and future spending projections to precipitously drop. It turns out corporate earnings will not continue rising ad infinitum as the Fed's sins have now at last caught up with everyone.

Creating trillions of dollars out of thin air

certainly provides a temporary boost to the economy. But that easy money and cheap credit creates an addiction with painful withdrawal symptoms, which the nation is experiencing right now as markets are brought face-to-face with the real portrait of the economy. This merely exacerbates the boom-bust cycle instead of smoothing it out.

Since the Fed cannot actually create growth, let alone wealth, the best it can do is play the man behind the curtain, creating the chimera of money-fueled growth in place of the real McCoy. That is precisely what we have seen for the last year and a half — what might be dubbed the economy of Dorian Gray. In its errant quest to support the appearance of growth, the Fed set the real economy up for disaster.

The Fed's excuse for fueling this inflation over the last 18 months has been its "dual mandate," under which it aims to simultaneously maintain stable prices and the amorphous target of full employment. Flooding the financial markets with liquidity for more than a year made for a

seemingly robust labor market, creating so much labor demand that unfilled jobs are at a record-high 11.5 million and nominal wages are rising fast. However, just like other sectors of the economy, the real labor market is not as healthy as it appears. Prices are rising faster than wages, making workers demonstrably worse off today than they were 18 months ago.

And as it created extraordinary quantities of money to support full employment, the Fed effectively served as the implicit financing arm of a Congress that recklessly shirked its fiscal duties and relied on the hidden tax of inflation to pay for trillions of dollars in unfunded spending.

For those who previously sounded the alarm on this inflationary incubus, it is a hollow victory. There is no joy in seeing the fruition of impolitic policies impoverishing one's fellow citizens. But the reality is that these effects have been hidden for years in a portrait out of public view.

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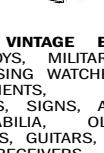


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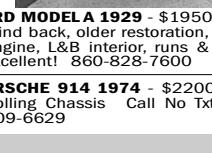
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One (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed  
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Town Hall, 240 Kensington Rd, Room 110,  
Berlin, CT 06037 by 2:00pm June 23, 2022.

The Town will not accept submissions by  
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The documents comprising the Request  
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Town's website, www.berlinct.gov, under  
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### Hartford

#### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF SIMSBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING

The Historic District Commission of the  
Town of Simsbury will hold a Public Hearing  
at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022,  
at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/2574297243>

Phone: 1 646-558-8566, Meeting ID: 257  
429 7243 on the following application:

a. Application #22-04 of Ronald & Stacey  
Mairano, Owners for a Certificate of  
Appropriateness to install a privacy wall and  
black aluminum pool fencing on the property  
located at 40 East Weatogue Street. Zone  
R-40.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear  
via Zoom and be heard on the issues and  
what may be proposed. Interested persons may  
submit to markw@simsburyct.org by 4:00 p.m.  
on June 22, 2022 to have their comments  
read into the record at the hearing.

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### Connecticut

#### NOTICE OF MEETING GREATER HARTFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Greater Hartford Transit District (the "District") will hold a Regular Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, June 23rd, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the District's offices, One Union Place, Hartford, CT to consider the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget as follows:

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REVENUES:	ADA FARES	152100	155000
FED GRANTS	3153440	3911400	
CDOT GRANTS	27743950	21331576	
LOCAL MATCH	52900	25430876	
TOTAL REVENUES	3104940	25430876	

EXPENDITURES:	PRO SVC	627250	806300
FED GRANTS	1784170	1646320	
TRANSR PROJ	28638070	22989056	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3104940	25430876	
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	0	0	

GENERAL FUND:	INVESTMENT INCOME	6300	29000
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EXPENSES:	PRO SVC	14000	14000
PROGM ADMIN & OTHER	39000	34000	
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<b>Bloomfield</b> Dorothy A. Willis	<b>Newington</b> Arline E. Hourihan Mark D. Ouellette
<b>Bristol</b> Dino N. Bossi	<b>Other Towns in CT</b> Elizabeth Ann Gonci Elizabeth Ann Ryan
Thomas A. Caputo	<b>Out of State</b> Steven M. Roberts Suzanne E. Wallace
<b>Colchester</b> Elizabeth Ann Ryan	<b>Rocky Hill</b> Andrew C. Spada
<b>Enfield</b> Steven M. Roberts	<b>Vernon</b> Josephine Maciejewski
<b>Farmington</b> Lori J. Hurd	<b>West Hartford</b> Gloria Larsen
<b>Hartford</b> Josephine Maciejewski Carmelo Mazzotta Charles M. Thompson	<b>Windsor</b> Gloria Larsen
<b>Middletown</b> Carmelo Mazzotta	<b>Windsor Locks</b> Dorothy A. Willis
<b>New Britain</b> Mark D. Ouellette	

\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

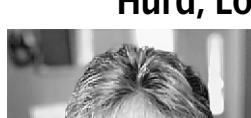
**OBITUARIES****Gonci, Elizabeth Ann "Betty"**

Elizabeth Barbara Gonci "Betty" of Windham and formerly of Coventry and Hebron, Ct., passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at St. Joseph's Living Center in Windham at the age of 105. She was born on May 11, 1917, in Bridgeport, Ct., daughter of the late Michael and Julia (Varga) Pollansky. She was the oldest of nine children and grew up on the family farm in rural Coventry. In 1936, Betty married Alex Gonci sharing over 65 years of marriage together until his passing in 2002.

In 2012, Coventry celebrated its 300-year anniversary and Betty, at age 94, was highlighted as part of the parade and other festivities. As part of that celebration, she was asked to describe some of her childhood memories which were later published. Those memories included the start of her education in the one room little red Brick Schoolhouse on Merrow Road in Coventry. It still stands. Betty learned to speak and write English on the front stone steps of that schoolhouse while classmates had recess. Eight grades were taught at the school. Later, as an upper classman, she shared teaching responsibilities or tasks. One frequent task, she enjoyed describing, was to organize the preparation of a communal lunch soup, cooked on a multi-purpose wood stove. Classmates would pool whatever ingredients they had to create a hearty winter lunch. She also helped her younger siblings learn English at home. Hungarian was the spoken language at the homestead. Her parents, her husband, and her parent's in-law were all born in Hungary. Consequently, her children were raised with a quite strong ethnic heritage, expressed in delicious cooking, festive music and large, boisterous family gatherings. As a matter of fact, her married name was originally spelled Gonczy before being 'Americanized' at Ellis Island. Betty took close interest in each of the dozens of nephews and nieces that resulted from the merging of two very large families as well as the grand and great-grandchildren. Betty enjoyed sharing her life experiences and challenges, from the very long walks to school (miles) in rural Coventry to taking a horse and buggy to meet a bus enroute to Windham High School. Until the final days of her life, she continued to absorb the news of the day and placed it in context of her whole life experience. During that lifetime, she lived through two pandemics, two world wars, and the Great Depression. In addition, she narrowly escaped, with her young family, from the 1944 Hartford circus fire. She is survived by her children Robert and his wife, Mary-Ellen of Hebron; Donald and his wife Doina Lavoie-Gonci of Old Lyme; sister Helen Chaponis of South Windsor; grandchildren Robin, Russell, Rob, Brian, and Jeffrey (Gonci) and Mike Lavoie; great-grandchildren Dallas, Teo, Jackson, Alysa, Declan and Dawson, and numerous extended family. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her siblings, John, Frank, Ernest, Andrew, Charles, and Emil Pollansky and Emma Saunders. Betty had a private interment at the New Hebron Cemetery. Care of private services was entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester. For online condolences, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, family and friends may consider a donation to the Coventry Historical Society at P.O. Box 534, Coventry, Ct 06238 (please be sure to specify the Brick School in memory of Elizabeth Gonci or the Hebron Fire Dept., at 44 Main Street. Such donations, in her memory, would be appreciated.

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**Hurd, Lori Jean (Morin)**

Lori Jean (Morin) Hurd, 60, of Farmington, beloved wife of Danny Hurd, passed away Saturday, May 21st, 2022 at her home. Born October 10th, 1961 in Southington, daughter of the late Randall Morin and Sandra (Smith) Adamovicia, she was a graduate of Terryville High School, Class of 1979. Lori was employed by the Paneloc Corporation for 35 years.

Besides her loving husband, Lori is survived by her daughter Crystal Heft and her husband Todd, her step-daughter Kaitlin Pelland and her husband Edward, her sister Debbie Debowski and her husband Joseph, her five grandchildren, Noah, Ezra, Joyanna and Eliza Heft and Kailyn Pelland and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call at Hillside Community Church, 435 Broad Street, Bristol on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022 from 10:00-11:00am. A Memorial Service will be held in the Church at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, <https://themmmrf.org/>. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., [www.ahernfuneralhome.com](http://www.ahernfuneralhome.com).

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**Bossi, Dino N.**

Dino Bossi, 88, of Bristol, CT, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving wife and family on May 24th. Dino was a life-long resident of Bristol, graduated from E.C. Goodwin Tech, served in the United States Army, and was a skilled and passionate carpenter. He spent over 20 years at Conn Acoustics in Newington, built his own house and several others for his son and sister. After he retired, Dino spent over 20 years "working" as the supervisor at the Bristol Senior Center woodshop and was the President of the Commission on Aging for the City of Bristol. His love for carpentry continued in coaching and watching others create masterpieces. While Dino was a soft-spoken man who never cared for the spotlight, he was larger than life for many of us who knew him; he not only was a helpful neighbor and a thoughtful instructor but also a man of integrity who respected others and vocalized his point of view on what he believed the right thing to do for oneself and others. For many of us, Dino shared his words of wisdom or simple sayings about the important things in life with family and friends. Dino was a passionate gardener and carefully supervised the planting of his last crop of tomatoes days prior to his passing. Dino was predeceased by his parents, Louis and Luisa Bossi, his sister, Mary Dowd and his daughter, Cheryl Savoca. He leaves behind his loving wife Annie of 64 years, his children Steven Bossi, Dina Lopez, Patrick Bossi and Catherine Czarnecki; his son-in-laws Tom Savoca, Diego Suldman, Carlos Lopez and Rodney Czarnecki; his eight grandchildren Dr. Emily Savoca, Ryan Savoca, Jake Savoca, Ben Czarnecki, Jared Czarnecki, Colten Bossi, Miranda Bossi, Riley Bossi and a great grandchild Delaney. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center, or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. There will be a celebration of life service on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 10:30am at St. Gregory The Great Parish, followed by a burial with full military honors at St. Joseph Cemetery in Bristol, CT. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Dino's tribute page at [www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com](http://www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com)



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**Ryan, Elizabeth Ann "Bette Ann" (Schutte)**

Elizabeth Ann "Bette Ann" (Schutte) Ryan, 91, of Colchester, beloved sister, aunt, wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away on Monday, May 23, 2022 at Middlesex Memorial Hospital. Born on July 29, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Elizabeth (Saffrey) and Walter Schutte. She was predeceased by her beloved hus-

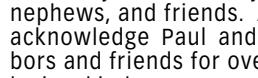
band of 43 years, Burton C. Ryan, her sisters Marguerite (Radicchi) and Helen (Tieuzzi), and nephew Richard Tieuzzi. She leaves us to remember her with love and many anecdotes. Her children Kathleen Ryan (Elliott Huron) of Trumbull, Robert Ryan of Colchester, Carol Barkett (Woodrow) of Maineville, Ohio, and Jeannine Savalle (Jeffrey) of Salem, grandchildren Douglas Huron (Jennifer) of Jersey City, New Jersey, Mallory Huron of Trumbull, Tara Quehl (Christopher) and Woodrow Barkett II, both of Cincinnati, and step-grandson Jeffrey Savalle, Jr. (Simone) of Salem, nephews Arthur J. Tieuzzi, Jr. (Sylvia), Michael (Selina) Ryan, and Daniel Ryan, nieces Linda Tieuzzi Parrish and Sally Ryan, sister in law Mirian Ryan, and many great- and great-great-nieces, nephews, and friends. As well, her family would like to acknowledge Paul and Marian Chreiman, dear neighbors and friends for over 30 years, for their faithful and loving kindness, companionship, and assistance, particularly in the last few years of her life.

"Bette Ann" grew up in Chester, Connecticut on the farm of her maternal grandparents Ellen and Robert Saffrey and graduated from Chester High School in 1948. Shortly thereafter she moved with her mother to Westchester and worked until her marriage in 1955 at Aetna Life & Casualty in Hartford. She attended the Colchester Federated Church and for many years was very involved in the Women's Fellowship there, as well as their Bell Choir and the Friends of the Cragin Memorial Library. She enjoyed gardening, the beach, shopping, spending time with beloved family, reading the newspaper, and a good cup of coffee in the morning. She was, until almost the end of her life, the upholder and hostess of many family holiday traditions and celebrations. But more than anything, she was a lifelong baker, eventually earning the nickname "The Pie Queen" from her granddaughter Mallory (who, to her great delight, eventually "took up the torch" of holiday pie making). In addition to her delicious pies, her "Aetna brownies," congo bars, apple brownies, cheesecake, sour cream coffee cake, and other treats are stuff of legend in her family and, thanks to her precise recipes, will remain so.

The family will receive friends at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester, on

Saturday, May 28, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a service immediately following. Burial will be at Linwood Cemetery, Colchester. Donations in her memory may be made to the Colchester Federated Church or the American Heart Association. To share a memory or express a condolence please visit: [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

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**Spada, Andrew C.**

Andrew C. Spada, 17, of Rocky Hill, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 22, 2022 after a courageous two-year battle with brain cancer. He was the beloved son of Claudio and Donna (Szumilak) Spada, born in Hartford on November 29, 2004. Andrew grew up in Rocky Hill, where he was an honor student at RHHS even

while battling cancer. He loved

his hometown, where he enjoyed playing Lacrosse and Basketball. He spent his summers down at the shore in Niantic, boating, jet skiing, riding his moped, fishing and clamming with his family. In the winter, Andrew liked to work on classic cars and snowmobile in Vermont with his dad and friends. Andrew had a number of hobbies and interests, including Legos, music, Marvel movies, The NY Giants, collecting Pokemon cards and gaming.

Andrew's favorite thing to do was to spend time with his family, friends and pets. He was always the first

to say hello and make others feel welcome. Andrew will always be remembered for having such a bright

spirit and always goofing around, dancing, and making

people laugh. Everyone loved him; his smile was contagious. Even with everything going on, he managed

to always put others first before himself. He will be

forever missed.

Besides his parents, Andrew is survived by his two sisters, Caroline and Lilli Spada of Rocky Hill; his maternal grandparents, Mieczyslaw and Katarzyna Szumilak; his paternal grandparents, Roberto and Daniela Spada and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins whom he loved

very much. Andrew was predeceased by his uncle, Mark Snyder. Special thanks to CCMC Neuro-Oncology, Neurosurgery and HHC at Home Hospice care, as well

as all of Andrew's doctors and nurses who took such

good care of him. Also, a very special thanks to our

Rocky Hill Community for all the love and support that

you have shown Andrew and our family.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 3 to

7 p.m. on Monday (May 30th) at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. Everyone

is invited to gather at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel at

9 a.m. on Tuesday (May 31st) to process to the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Burial will

follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Please feel

free to wear your Spada strong shirts to the services. #Spadastrong

Memorial contributions may be made to Neuro-

Oncology at Connecticut Children's at [give.connecticutchildrens.org/donate](http://give.connecticutchildrens.org/donate) or by mail to: Connecticut Children's Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 412901, Boston, MA 02241-2901. Please note "IMO Andrew Spada" on the memo. To share a memory of Andrew with his family, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](http://www.desopofuneralchapel.com).

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**Maciejewski, Josephine (Iliski)**

Josephine (Iliski) Maciejewski, 99, of Vernon, died Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Crestfield Rehab in Manchester. She was born (September 20, 1922) in Niederembt, Germany, a daughter of the late Ignatz and Maria (Gonera) Iliski, and was the youngest of 9 siblings. She worked hard on a farm in Germany where she met her soulmate, Joseph

Maciejewski. They were married in Germany on September 4, 1951. They moved to the United States on December 13, 1951 after surviving WWII, to start a new life. They resided in Hartford, CT for over 50 years.

After her husband's passing in 2002, Josephine lived with her only daughter, Helga Plenzio, in Vernon. Besides her daughter, she leaves her granddaughter, Melissa (Plenzio) Gibson, her husband Earl Gibson, and two great grandsons, Luke and Ethan Gibson.

Josephine enjoyed watching game shows and wrestling.

She was a big fan of John Cena. She loved to cook, bake and entertain family and friends. She was always the life of the party. She looked forward to going to the casino to play penny slots, and was usually the only winner of all us girls.

Her favorite snacks were chocolate, sugar wafers, and pickles. She spoke 3 languages fluently (German, Polish, and English). She was a brave, independent woman who loved passionately, and lived life to the fullest. On the day before her passing, she was able to tell her daughter and granddaughter "I love you more than love".

Everyone who was blessed to have met her, adored her. Josephine is now reunited with her husband as well as her grandson, Zachary Plenzio, and her parents and siblings. Heaven has gained another special angel who will forever watch over her family.

Private services will be held for immediate family and close friends. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at [www.rosehillfun](http://www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com)

## OBITUARIES

**Hourihan, Arline E.**

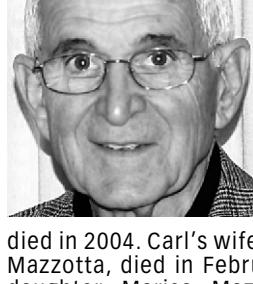
Arline (Everin) Hourihan age 88 of Newington, CT, beloved wife of 58 years of the late Arthur Francis Hourihan, Jr., passed peacefully at home on May 17, 2022. Born 1933 in Hartford CT, to Frank and Alice (Smith) Everin; she joins her three brothers, Roger Jr., Paige, and Jack in heaven. She had five children; Arthur III (deceased), Ann, James, Brian and David, and seven grandchildren, Conner, Madison, Erin, David Jr., Liam, Adia, and Rori. She attended St Joseph's Catholic High and Saint Joseph's College, graduating as an RN in 1954. During her career as an RN, she worked at Saint Francis Hospital, as a school nurse and teacher of CT CNA programs. Arline was known for a joyful smile and love of conversation. Faith, family and friends were the true joys of her life. Our mother was loving and caring, smiled often, laughed easily, and will be deeply missed.

Her funeral services are:

Wake: Thurs. May 26, 2022 @ 5-8 pm - Dillon Baxter Funeral Home- 1276 Berlin Tpke. Wethersfield, CT  
Funeral: Fri. May 27, 2022 @ 10 am -Holy Spirit Catholic Church- 183 Church St, Newington, CT

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Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Mazzotta, Carmelo (Carl)**

Carmelo "Carl" Mazzotta, 94, died on May 25 in hospice at Westerly Hospital, RI. He was born on July 18, 1927 and was the son of the late Carmelo and Filomena "Minnie" (Bellobuono) Mazzotta of Middletown, CT. He had two brothers: a younger brother Robert, who died as an infant, and an older brother Sebastian, who died in 2004. Carl's wife of 62 years, Joan (DeBenedetto) Mazzotta, died in February 2017. He is survived by his daughter Marisa Mazzotta and her husband John Reposa of Charlestown, RI; his son Robert Mazzotta of Middletown, CT; three grandchildren and 8 nieces and nephews, as well as many other relatives and friends. Carl grew up on the north end of High Street in Middletown, CT and lived in Middletown for most of his life. Recently he lived at Masonicare at Chester and Masonicare at Mystic. He attended MacDonough School, Central School, and Wilson High School in Middletown. After a short time in the Army, he attended Norwich University in Northfield, VT, where he received a BA degree in 1949. During college, he spent a summer in Saltillo, Mexico. After college, Carl worked at the construction firm Merritt-Chapman & Scott drawing detail layouts for parts of the master plan to build the Veterans Hospital in New Haven, CT. He then worked on construction layout for the Phoenix Insurance building in Hartford, CT. In 1951, he and 2 friends took a "top secret" job with Metcalf & Eddy as a survey group. After being hired and put on a plane, they found they were going to Thule, Greenland to work on construction of the Thule Air Base. He had many adventures in Greenland, including meeting Ootah (Otag), who had been at the North Pole with Robert E. Peary in 1909, as well as Robert Peary's son Kalipaluk and Matthew Henson's son Anauaq.

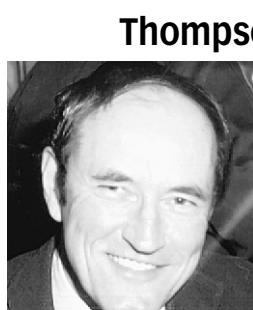
After returning to Middletown in 1952, Carl purchased the Middletown Builders Supply Company, which he built into a successful company that specialized in masonry supplies. He sold the business and retired after 33 years. In retirement, Carl served on the board of directors of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank and was chair of the loan committee, and later served on the boards of City Savings Bank and Citizens Bank. He was chair of the Middletown Planning and Zoning Commission, and a member of Middletown's Board of Finance and Merit Rating Board. He was a member of the Italian American Civic Order, the Elks, the Masons and the Shriners.

Carl enjoyed golf, fishing and shell fishing, gardening, photography, watercolor painting, and travel. Carl and Joan traveled extensively over many years, including many trips to Latin America, Europe, and throughout the U.S. They joined the New Mexico Archaeology Society and worked on a dig of a great kiva. In 2007, Carl completed a memoir and family history, "Notes of My Memories," which is available at the Russell Library. He was a member of St. Sebastian Church in Middletown.

Friends and relatives may call at D'Angelo Funeral Home, 22 South Main Street, Middletown from 9 am to 10:30 am on Wednesday, June 1. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 am Wednesday at St. Sebastian Church in Middletown. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to the charity of your choice.

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On Sunday, May 29, 2020 at 11:00 A. M. an "Unveiling Ceremony" will be held at the City of Homes Cemetery, 904 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA for Steven M. Roberts, formerly of Springfield, MA and Enfield, CT. He passed away on September 13, 2020 in Myrtle Beach, SC where he resided with his wife, Sharon Roberts. A luncheon will follow the ceremony at Max's Tavern, 1000 Hall of Fame Avenue, Springfield, MA.

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Charles M. Thompson, 89, of Punta Gorda, FL, passed away on May 14, 2022. He was born on April 27, 1933, to Gordon and Mary Thompson in Guernsey County, Ohio. Charles honorably served in the United States Army and relocated to Punta Gorda in 1999 from Connecticut. He worked as an Underwriting Manager for Royal Insurance and NLC Insurance Company, retiring in 2000. Charles was a member of the Peace River Car Club, V-8 Club of America, and the Connecticut MG Club. He enjoyed playing golf and found great delight in rebuilding, showing, and driving antique cars.

Charles will be deeply missed by his wife of 40 years Maude; daughter Nancy Glasow; son David Thompson; stepdaughters Marnie Crosskey and Sarah Marvin; stepsons James Crosskey and William Crosskey; sisters Ellen Thompson and Lois Hunt; his 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 4 Lynwood Dr., Bolton, CT. Arrangements by Johnson-Taylor Funeral & Cremation.

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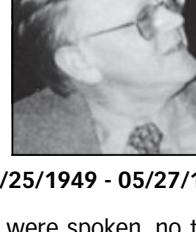
**Willis, Dorothy Ann**

Dorothy Ann Willis age, 67 of Windsor Locks died peacefully at Hartford Hospital on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Dorothy was born on October 30, 1954, in Claxton, GA to Queen E. Davis and the late Arthur Lanier, Sr. Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories of her loving children, Jeremy, Jeanetta, Anneatrice, Demetra, Tiosha and a host of other relative and friends.

Interment will be held at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Willis family, please visit, [www.hkhfuneralservices.com](http://www.hkhfuneralservices.com).

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Love Always, Janice, Jessica and Michael

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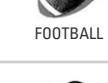
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## Timing of Carman case raises questions

Years after grandfather's death, mother lost at sea, federal prosecutors in Vermont step in. Why now?

By Dave Collins  
and Denise Lavoie  
Associated Press

HARTFORD — The circumstantial evidence against Nathan Carman had been lying in plain sight for years before his surprising indictment and arrest this month on allegations he killed his mother at sea off New England in a plot to inherit millions of dollars.

Federal prosecutors in Vermont are not commenting on the timing of their decision to put the case before a grand jury, and the indictment

offers no clues and no new information on the case, which included a dramatic rescue at sea and the suspicious deaths of two members of a wealthy New England family.

Legal experts and other law enforcement officials say the delay in bringing a criminal case could be the result of several factors, including that his mother and his boat have never been found.

"It's very difficult to charge murder federally ... so I think what the government has been doing for the last six years is to build its case to charge him with mail fraud and wire



Carman

fraud," said Jessica Brown, a former state and federal public defender who is now an assistant professor at Vermont Law School.

The grand jury indictment accuses Carman, 28, of Vernon, Vermont, of murder and fraud in the killing of his mother, Linda Carman, during a fishing trip that began in Rhode Island. Carman made international headlines when he was found alone in a life raft near Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, eight days after he and his mother left port.

The indictment also accuses him

of fatally shooting his millionaire grandfather, John Chakalos, in 2013 in Connecticut, but does not charge him with that killing. He has repeatedly denied any involvement in both deaths.

Federal prosecutors say their deaths paved the way for Carman to inherit an estimated \$7 million — his mother's share of Chakalos' estate. The inheritance remains tied up in probate court in Connecticut, where his mother's three sisters are seeking to bar Carman from receiving any money from his grandfather's estate.

Seven of the eight counts in the indictment are charges related to what prosecutors allege were fraudulent efforts to get money from his

grandfather's estate or insurance companies. The other count accuses Carman of killing his mother.

Vermont U.S. Attorney Nikolas Kerest, through a spokesperson, declined to comment on the case.

Federal Public Defender Michael Desautels, whose office is defending Carman, also declined to comment on the indictment.

"His state of mind is strong, and he knows he has a good team of defense lawyers working for him," Desautels said.

Some law enforcement officials who were involved in the investigation said the indictment could be the result of new evidence that

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MEMORIAL DAY 2022



Sue Laiuppa, second from right, and her sons, Anthony Vernale, from left, 7, Josh Vernale, 6, Andrew Vernale, 9, and Logan Vernale, 3, wave flags as a car parade of U.S. veterans and first responders passes their School Street home in Bloomfield on Memorial Day 2020. COURANT FILE PHOTO

## On track for a comeback

After pandemic hiatus, parades set to return to central Connecticut

By Don Stacom  
Hartford Courant

For the first time since the pandemic began, every community in central Connecticut appears to be on track for their traditional Memorial Day parades.

Wreath-laying ceremonies and speeches will be part of activities in most towns, and military flyovers are scheduled at more than a dozen. Most parades are planned for Monday, but a few are scheduled either Saturday or Sunday. Four communities — Bris-

tol, Simsbury, Vernon and Ellington — each will host two parades.

Cancellations were widespread in 2020 because of the coronavirus, and last year about 10 towns in Greater Hartford decided it was too soon to bring them back. Most substituted socially distanced ceremonies or virtual events.

Across the region, veterans and public officials alike were excited about a return to normal this year.

"Memorial Day parade — first parade since 2019," reads a flier promoting Plainville's parade Monday morning.

"We recognize that this has been a challenging couple of years for everyone and we encourage all community groups to participate," Rocky Hill Mayor Lisa Marotta wrote in a letter promoting her town's Monday parade and ceremony.

No community's veterans are in for a bigger boost than those in East Hartford, where the parade is being staged for the first time since 2016. Then-Mayor Marcia Leclerc blamed a shortage of funds and volunteers along with declining attendance, but some local veter-

ans leaders condemned the decision and at least two members of the Patriotic Commission resigned afterward.

Soon after his election last November, Mayor Mike Walsh said the town would work with the Veterans Commission to restore the parade.

"It's a three-part event that includes a parade, a program at the Fallen Star Memorial and a celebration of what's uniquely East Hartford," Walsh told the town

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## A look at what you can expect

Weather, traffic, price of gas predictions for the holiday weekend

By Jesse Leavenworth  
Hartford Courant

Heavy travel and a mix of weather is expected Memorial Day weekend, and Connecticut state police are reminding residents and visitors to be safe and keep others safe.

Showers are forecast for Friday and Saturday, with brighter, drier weather expected Sunday and Monday.

AAA predicts 39 million people will travel 50 miles or more in the U.S. during the holiday weekend, 3 million more than last year.

The 8.3% increase in travel will be the second-highest growth for the Memorial Day weekend since 2010 and bring total travel volume in line with 2017, according to AAA. Nearly 35 million people will travel by car, an increase of 4.6%, and air travel will continue its rapid rebound, growing 25% the travel service organization predicted.

Gas prices in Connecticut on Thursday averaged \$4.68 per gallon, compared with a national average of \$4.60.

State police say troopers will conduct extra roving DUI patrols from Thursday evening through Monday evening. Police urge drivers and passengers to buckle up, obey speed limits, do not follow too closely, stay off cellphones while driving and never drink and drive.

"We rely on the motoring public to serve as our partners in road safety," state police commander Col. Stavros Melikas said.

Motorists also are reminded of the state's "Move Over" law requiring drivers approaching

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## Mold in medical marijuana supply?

Yes — and here's what the state is doing about it

By Ginny Monk  
CT Mirror

A legislative committee gave final approval this week to a regulatory change adjusting the allowable amount of mold and yeast in the medical marijuana supply.

Connecticut has two laboratories that test medical marijuana. The change, proposed by the Department of Consumer Protection and ratified by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee, means an increase in the total allowable amount of mold and yeast for cannabis tested at one lab and a decrease for the other.

The regulations now allow for no traceable levels of a particular breed of mold called Aspergillus, known to cause lung infections, and a total count of other yeast and mold of 100,000 colony-forming units per gram. Patients had advo-

cated for a limit of 10,000 units per gram.

The state officially proposed the change at the end of last year, arguing that testing standards evolve after new research is published, but patients objected because of concerns about the product's safety. The state initially changed the total limit at a request from one of the state's labs and adjusted it after patient outcry so both labs would have the same levels.

State officials say the change is safe. Standards vary state by state — some have lower yeast and mold thresholds, but not all require testing for the Aspergillus mold.

Representatives from both of the state's laboratories said they support the change, but Mike Esposito, a scientist at MCR Labs in Massachusetts, told the CT Mirror last month it could allow harmful materials to persist in the



The state Legislative Regulation Review Committee has approved a change in the allowable amount of mold and yeast in the medical marijuana supply. TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

substance and cause lung damage to patients and employees who work with cannabis.

"It really was super disheartening to just see this ... domino effect of just yes, yes, yes," said Duncan Markovich, of the vote. Markovich is the owner of Better Ways,

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## CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

## As rates fall, experts keep urging caution

Positivity at 11.77%, but much of state still at risk

Staff report

Connecticut's coronavirus seven-day positivity rate fell 14% May 19. Though good news, hospitalizations — an indicator that tends to lag behind an increase in cases — are up from last week and the majority of the state continues to be considered medium or high risk.

The state recorded 7,560 cases of COVID-19 in the past week, though that number is likely low because

at-home tests are not included. There were 379 people hospitalized with the coronavirus, according to state data, up 10 from last week. Officials note that includes incidental cases — people who came to the hospital for another reason but tested positive upon arrival.

There were 19 deaths attributed to the coronavirus this week, according to state data.

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# CONNECTICUT

## IN BRIEF

### KILLINGLY

#### Man arrested in condominium death

State police arrested a man after finding another man dead in a Killingly condominium late Tuesday.

A relative of the victim called police at about 10:05 p.m. asking for a wellbeing check on a man who was overdue to return home and was last known to be visiting the Whetstone Mill complex, police said Thursday. Troopers found the man inside a condo, and he was pronounced dead at the scene from unspecified injuries. Alexander Neidhart IV, 43, was arrested and charged with first-degree assault, police said. Neidhart was being held on a \$500,000 bond.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information is asked to contact detectives at 860-779-4900.

— Jesse Leavenworth

### HARTFORD

#### Suspect charged in fatal shooting

A city man was arrested on a murder charge in connection with a fatal shooting on Park Street earlier this month, Hartford police said Thursday.

Joseph Rodriguez, 43, of Park Street also faces a charge of criminal possession of a firearm in connection with the death of Javier Hernandez-Jiminian, 34, of Mary Shepard Place in Hartford, police spokesman Lt. Aaron Boisvert said.

On May 1 at about 8 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Park Street on a reported shooting and found a wounded Hernandez-Jiminian, who was taken to Hartford Hospital and died the next day, police said. Police obtained an arrest warrant for Rodriguez, who was found in Springfield on Thursday. He was in custody and was being held pending extradition, Boisvert said.

— Jesse Leavenworth

### BARKHAMSTED

#### Lifeguard shortage leaves beach closed

Lake McDonough beach in Barkhamsted, a popular destination for the start of the summer, will not be open Memorial Day weekend due to a shortage of lifeguards. The lack of lifeguards reflects a statewide problem, and the beach, owned by the Metropolitan District Commission, does not have a "swim at your own risk" policy. The boat launch at the lake remains open.

The beach area will remain closed until further notice. MDC leaders have not decided about the rest of the season as they try to address lifeguard staffing and recruitment, the agency announced Thursday.

— Jesse Leavenworth

### HARTFORD

#### Man gets prison on drug, gun charges

A Hartford man, whose long history of prior arrests includes 11 burglary convictions, was sent to prison for 57 months Wednesday following his arrest on gun and drug charges.

Hartford police charged Brian "Whites" Velez with illegal possession of an assault rifle after he led them on a pursuit through Hartford's South End in November 2018. Velez told police he obtained the rifle from someone from Vermont in exchange for crack cocaine.

While free on bail from the gun charge, in 2020, police received a tip from an informant that Velez was selling fentanyl. He was later arrested for allegedly selling 20 bags to a federal undercover operative.

He pleaded guilty in January 2020 to possession of a firearm by a felon, stemming from his arrest in November 2018. He has been held without bail after his arrest for selling fentanyl.

— Edmund H. Mahony

### VERNON

#### Police officers help wrangle loose horses

Vernon police were called to run down two escapees early Wednesday.

Police were alerted at about 4 a.m. that horses Luigi and Lozeau cut loose from their paddock on a small family farm off Bamforth Road, police spokesman Lt. Robert Marra said. Officers Devon O'Donnell, Cara Momrie and Zachary Johanson answered the call and managed to corral the animals until the owner arrived, Marra said.

Under a photo of Luigi and O'Donnell on the police department's Facebook page, owner Susan Bonan wrote, "Luigi and you have bonded. You and your fellow horse wrangler officers are welcome to visit your new friends, Luigi & Lozeau, anytime."

— Jesse Leavenworth

## Carman

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is not being disclosed. Or, perhaps, federal prosecutors in Vermont were more aggressive in assembling all the evidence collected by a variety of local, state and federal agencies and presenting it to a grand jury.

"One of the issues is jurisdiction, especially when you cross state lines, and who has the ability to bring all that together under one roof," said Donald Melanson, police chief in Windsor, Connecticut, where Chakalos was killed. "And I think that's why, rightfully so, the U.S. attorney's office took that and took responsibility for that and brought everything together."

"When you look at the overall picture ... it brings, to me, a very clear picture of how everything tied together to achieve his (Carman's) goals," he said.

In 2014, before Melanson joined the department, Windsor police drafted an arrest warrant charging Carman with murder in his grandfather's death, but a state prosecutor declined to sign it and requested more information, according to a search warrant for Linda Carman's home in Middletown, Connecticut, obtained by police after she disappeared at sea. Neither state nor federal prosecutors in Connecticut or Rhode Island ever brought any charges against Carman.

The case went cold. Then came the ill-fated fishing trip, which roused investigators' suspicions about Carman. But the probe into Linda Carman's disappearance also failed to produce an arrest.

In 2017, investigators began keeping tabs on a lawsuit filed in federal court in Providence, Rhode Island, where insurers and Carman were suing each other over his rejected \$85,000 claim for the loss of his boat, named the "Chicken Pox." The insurance case tied all the evidence together and may have spurred a new effort to charge Carman, current and former investigators said.

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Nathan Carman is escorted into federal court on May 11 in Rutland, Vermont. Nearly six years after telling authorities his mother drowned at sea off the coast of New England, Carman has been indicted in her killing. **WCVB-TV**

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The relationship between mother and son was strained, but fishing was one of the ways they were still able to connect.

Carman remains detained while his case is pending.

Federal prosecutors argued in court documents that he should remain locked up while awaiting trial because he poses a flight risk and is a danger to the community.

Prosecutors cited the violence and planning involved in the two killings and his apparent lack of ties to his community — a factor in bail arguments.

They also said he discontinued the mental health treatment he had received from early childhood until he was 17. They wrote that Carman was diagnosed with potential mood and psychotic disorders in 2011, and that he had a history of hostility and aggression.

Carman and his relatives also have said he has Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism that can be characterized by social awkwardness and repetitive behavior but is not associated with an increased likelihood of violence.

Carman has said he is misunderstood and an easy target for police because he has Asperger's.

*Lavoie reported from Richmond, Virginia. Contributing to this report were Associated Press writers Lisa Rathke in Montpelier, Vermont, and Jennifer McDermott in Providence, Rhode Island, as well as AP news researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York.*

## Weekend

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stationary emergency vehicles to immediately slow to a speed below the posted speed limit, and if traveling in a lane next to an emergency vehicle to move over one lane, unless it is unreasonable or unsafe.

Emergency vehicles include ambulances, fire and law enforcement vehicles, highway maintenance vehicles and licensed wreckers.

Troopers will employ all methods of enforcement to increase highway safety, including laser units for speed enforcement and both marked and unmarked vehicles to patrol roadways.

Showers and a possible thunderstorm are forecast Friday night. Saturday also looks wet, with showers likely after 1 p.m., according to the National Weather Service. Sunday is expected to be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 81 degrees, and sunny skies also are forecast for Memorial Day, with a high near 87.

One popular destination for the start of summer, Lake McDonough beach in Barkhamsted, will be closed due to a shortage of lifeguards, the Metropolitan District Commission announced Thursday.

The beach area will remain closed until further notice, according to the agency. MDC has not made a decision about the rest of the season as staff tries to address lifeguard staffing, a problem across the state. The boat launch at Lake McDonough remains open seven days a week.

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If you're planning to travel by car this Memorial Day weekend, keep in mind that gas prices in Connecticut on Thursday averaged \$4.68, compared with a national average of \$4.60. **APRIL GAMIZ/THE MORNING CALL**

## Virus

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cases has slowed in the past week, 159 of 169 municipalities fall in the red zone alert level, meaning transmission is high and people should take precautions to avoid contracting the virus. Within those areas, the state Department of Public Health recommends fully vaccinated people wear a mask indoors

and those who are not fully vaccinated also wear a mask outdoors when near other people outside their household.

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## Feds: Guilty plea in child exploitation case

Staff report

A Connecticut man pleaded guilty Wednesday to a child exploitation offense, according to federal authorities.

Kevin Curley, 41, formerly of Morris, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Janet Bond Arterton in New Haven to one count of receipt of child pornography,

which carries a mandatory minimum term of 5 years in prison and a maximum term of 20 years in prison, according to federal authorities.

Federal authorities, citing court documents and statements made in court, said: "Tor," is an acronym for "The Onion Router," a "worldwide network of internet-connected computers that is

designed to conceal the true IP addresses of the computers on the network and the identities of the network's users." In 2020, Homeland Security Investigations began investigating Curley for his "involvement in an online community of individuals who sent and received child pornography images and videos via a hidden service website that oper-

ated on the Tor network," federal authorities said in a statement.

Investigators conducted a court-authorized search of Curley's former residence in Morris on Aug. 5, 2020, and seized Curley's desktop computer; analysis revealed it contained "hundreds of images and videos depicting the sexual abuse of children," the statement said.

Curley was arrested on a federal criminal complaint on Oct. 8, 2020. Arterton has scheduled sentencing for Aug. 30, the statement said.

Curley is free on a \$150,000 bond while awaiting sentencing, federal authorities said in the statement.

To report cases of child exploitation, visit [www.cyberipline.com](http://www.cyberipline.com).

## Big names, up-and-comers on the lineup for Big E fair

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

Connecticut bands are well represented on the E Stage at the Big E this year, from well-known local singer-songwriters such as Adelaide Punkin and Justus Michael to jam band The Professors of Sweet Sweet Music and Hartford folk/pop act The Penniless Wild.

The E in Big E stands for "Eastern," as in "Eastern States Exposition," but the E in E Stage might as well stand for "emerging artists." The stage features regional and up-and-coming acts, and is not limited to the six New England states featured at the fair.

The majority of the bands on the E Stage come from Massachusetts, where the Big E is based, but over a dozen hail from Connecticut, while New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island each have only one or two acts in the lineup.

E Stage shows are twice a day, at 3 and 7 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and three times a day, at 12:30, 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., from Thursday through Sunday. The performances are free with admission to the Big E. The E Stage is found near the fair's Flag Plaza.

The Connecticut bands are:

■ Adelaide Punkin & Something Simple, Sept. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

■ Groove-rockers One Time Weekend, Sept. 17 at 8:30 p.m.

■ Connecticut-raised New York singer-songwriter Emily Victoria, Sept. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

■ Branded: Country that Rocks, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

■ Hartford's indie folkie rockers The Penniless Wild, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m.

■ 3 Exits to Hattiesburg, founded in Texas and now living in Connecticut, Sept. 21 at 3 p.m.

■ Professors of Sweet, Sweet Music, a past winner of the Best Local Band category in the Courant's Best of Hartford reader poll, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

■ East Windsor folksinger Justus Michael, Sept. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

■ Beau Sasser's Escape Plan, led by the keyboardist from the revered local jam band Kung Fu with vocalist Mary Corso, guitarists Danny Mayer and Justin Henricks and drummer Bill Carbone, Sept. 22, 8:30 p.m.

■ Danbury's old-timey jazz/ragtime/rockabilly serenaders The Red Hots, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

■ Cessa and The Zach, the sibling acoustic duo from Meriden, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m.

■ Hartford area multi-instrumentalist Austin James with his band the Nomads, Sept. 29 at 8:30 p.m.

■ Southwestern Connecticut reggae band Tales of Joy, Sept. 30 at 8:30 p.m.

Other acts on the E Stage include:

■ Sept. 16: Lindsey LaBelle from Holyoke, Massachusetts (12:30 p.m.); Massachusetts-based rock/soul fusionist Dwayne Haggins (8:30 p.m.).

■ Sept. 17: Massachusetts singer/songwriter Chloe Belsito (12:30 p.m.).

■ Sept. 18: Kristen Merlin From Hanson, Massachusetts (2 p.m.); Afro-Latina singer/songwriter Melaner (8:30 p.m.).

■ Sept. 19: Boogie/blues ensemble Sweet Daddy Cool Breeze from Holyoke, Massachusetts, (7 p.m.).

■ Sept. 20: Long-lasting Massachusetts rock band We Don't Know Yet (3 p.m.); MALADO!, a funk/

soul/R&B outfit from Springfield (7 p.m.).

■ Sept. 22: The Greys, indie rock band from Western Massachusetts (4:30 p.m.).

■ Sept. 23: Massachusetts-raised Nashville-based country singer/songwriter Vinny B (12:30 p.m.); Massachusetts funk/jam/hip-hop act Whalom Park (4:30 p.m.); New Hampshire's classic-style original rock combo Rumboat Chili (8:30 p.m.).

■ Sept. 24: Cambridge, Massachusetts-born, Florida-raised, now Boston-based singer/songwriter Miranda Rae (12:30 p.m.); Soulful Boston singer/songwriter CD Rose (1:15 p.m.); Rhode Island country-rockers Back Rhodes (4:30 p.m.); Springfield, Massachusetts-based Taija New (8:30 p.m.).

■ Sept. 25: Massachusetts singer/songwriter Sam Pursey and his trio (12:30 p.m.); Alt-rock band Platnum Moon from New York's Westchester County (8:30 p.m.).

■ Sept. 26: Lemon Street, a jazz/rock/funk outfit from Western Massachusetts (3 p.m.); Massachusetts-based rockers The Cantalini 3 (7 p.m.).

■ Sept. 27: Singer/songwriter Alex Rohan (7 p.m.).

■ Sept. 28: Wild Bill and The Flying Sparks, active in the Pioneer Valley area of Massachusetts (3 p.m.); RICE: An American Band from Western Massachusetts (7 p.m.).

■ Sept. 29: Musician/producer Kyle Langlois, a Berklee School of Music student (12:30 p.m.); Massachusetts "hot jazz and honkytonk" act Weege & The Wondertwins, named for vocalist Lexi Weege and the two actual twins in the band (4:30 p.m.).



The Professors of Sweet Sweet Music, who run their own summer Hartbeat Music Festival on Riverfront Recapture land, will perform on the E Stage at this year's Big E fair in West Springfield, Massachusetts. COURTESY

■ Sept. 30: Morgan Myles, originally from Pennsylvania and now based in Nashville (12:30 p.m.); Springfield rapper Myles Jéh (4:30 p.m.).

■ Oct. 1: Western Massachusetts singer/songwriter Faith Rheault (12:30 p.m.); Shake from Vermont, "a modern take on retro pop/rock" (4:30 p.m.); Sun Parade, the eclectic five-piece rock/jam/psychedelic/harmony act from Northampton, Massachusetts (8:30 p.m.).

■ Oct. 2: Halley Neal, a Nashville-based singer/songwriter who attended Boston's Berklee School of Music (12:30 p.m.); Western Massachusetts singer-songwriter Sandy Bailey (4:30 p.m.); Salsa band Jesus Pagan & Conjunto Barrio from Massachusetts (8:30 p.m.).

A full schedule of E Stage music acts is at [TheBigE.com/TheEStage](http://TheBigE.com/TheEStage).

The major national acts playing the big Arena Stage at this year's Big E include Boston's Dropkick Murphys on Sept. 16, Brantley Gilbert on Sept. 18, Nelly on Sept. 23, ska-punk heroes Sublime With Rome Sept. 24, Bring Me the Horizon Sept. 25 and a country music double feature of Chase Rice and Jimmie Allen on Sept. 30. All the big Arena Stage shows are at 7:30 p.m. (except Bring Me the Horizon at 6:30 p.m.) and have separate admission prices ranging from \$39 to \$59.

The 2022 Big E runs from Sept. 16 through Oct. 2 at the fair-grounds at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, Massachusetts. [thebige.com](http://thebige.com).

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## Picnic in the Park returning in June

Food, music, vendors will be back at Bushnell Park for 1-day event

By Susan Dunne

Hartford Courant

Picnic in the Park is coming back to downtown Hartford this summer, in a one-time-only event June 2 with food by Red Rock Tavern and music by Sonia Morant. COURTESY



Picnic in the Park is coming back to Bushnell Park this summer, in a one-time-only event June 2 with food by Red Rock Tavern and music by Sonia Morant.

The event, presented by the organization weHartford, will be 5 to 7 p.m. at the Performance Pavilion in Bushnell Park. About a dozen local artisan vendors will sell their handmade items at the gathering, and lawn games will be available.

Picnic baskets, at \$30 each, come in two varieties: an apple turkey sandwich, Mason jar Caprese salad and a bag of chips; or a black bean burger wrap,

Mason jar Caprese salad and a bag of chips. Kids' meals — chicken tenders and a bag of chips — are \$12. Elaina Giordano of Lumi Hospitality said the \$30 pays for the meal and the entertainment.

Picnic baskets can be pre-ordered on eventbrite and picked up at the park. Thomas Hooker Brewing and Capital Ice Cream will have pop-up carts.

Vendors include Anika Nicole Candles, Bark & Vine, Born & Bred Homemade Goods, Char-

lie's Traveling Treat Truck, Dusty Dude Woodworks, Glitter and Glow Co., Hobby Art, Home Prep Products, Leah Cunha Crafts, Maple Craft Foods, Painted By Baylee, Steffy's Simply Natural Soaps, The8thElement and Trying Times Design Co.

For more information, visit [facebook.com/events/537286591164637](http://facebook.com/events/537286591164637)

Susan Dunne can be reached at [sdunne@courant.com](mailto:sdunne@courant.com).

## Ex-doc gets prison in prescription drug case

Staff report

A former Connecticut doctor was sentenced to almost four years in prison Thursday for illegally distributing prescription medication, according to federal authorities.

David Ciancimino 63, of Trumbull, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Omar A. Williams in Hartford to a total of 46 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release, according to federal authorities.

Williams also ordered Ciancimino to pay a \$25,000 fine.

Federal authorities said, citing court documents and statements made in court, that Ciancimino was a sole practitioner in psychiatry and neurology/psychiatry in a Shelton office, and law enforcement in Oct. 2020 began investigating Ciancimino's "prescribing practices of various benzodiazepines, such as Xanax, and stimulants, such as Adderall."

During the investigation, "federal task force officers acting in an undercover capacity paid Ciancimino \$200 during visits to receive prescriptions for Xanax or Adderall, or their generic equivalents, with little to no medical exam-

ination," federal authorities said in a statement.

Ciancimino was arrested on Sept. 23, 2021, and pleaded guilty on Jan. 24, 2022, to one count of distribution of a controlled substance without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the scope of professional practice, federal authorities said in the statement.

In addition to his fine, Ciancimino has forfeited \$175,773.45 seized at the time of his arrest, federal authorities said.

Ciancimino, is free on a \$500,000 bond and must to report to prison on July 25. He surrendered his medical license in January, according to federal authorities.

The investigation was conducted by the DEA New Haven Tactical Diversion Squad and HHS-OIG's Office of Investigations, with the assistance of the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Drug Control Division and the Middlebury Police Department. The DEA's Tactical Diversion Squad includes members from the DEA and the Bristol, East Windsor, Glastonbury, Hamden, Manchester, New Britain, Newington, Watertown and West Haven police departments.

## Marijuana

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a cannabis therapeutics store in Branford.

Lou Rinaldi, a patient advocate in Connecticut, said Aspergillus is not the only safety concern, pointing out that patients — many of whom may be immunocompromised — could have mold allergies.

Members of the patient community are organizing to raise awareness and educate other patients about the regulation change.

Patients are also concerned about transparency within the program because of state regulators' decision in 2020 to quietly

approve a request from AltaSci, one of the state's two labs that test cannabis, to increase its total limit to 1 million colony-forming units per gram with the Aspergillus rule. Under the regulation change, that level will drop.

State officials approved the change in an email exchange with the lab and did not alert patients. The official proposal to change the limits came after patients spoke out at meetings and in social media posts about the 2020 decision.

Northeast Laboratories left its limit at 10,000 colony forming units per gram.

During Tuesday's committee meeting, legislators mentioned that patients had contacted them

regarding the change and said they hope to address the regulations further in a working group next legislative session.

"It's a good starting point for us," said Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria, co-chair of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee. "We can go back and propose legislation and have the working group look at this a little further to make changes."

Klarides-Ditria, R-Seymour, added that there aren't federal guidelines for states to follow because cannabis hasn't been legalized at a national level.

Comments on the proposed change during the meeting lasted just a few minutes, and most legislators who spoke expressed agree-

ment with the adjustment.

"I think the Department of Consumer Protection is definitely on the right track, and we should definitely approve this and move forward," said Rep. Tom Arnone, D-Enfield.

The Department of Consumer Protection brought in Sherman Hom, director of regulatory affairs for Medicinal Genomics, on May 10 to speak with committee members and answer their questions. DCP Commissioner Michelle Seagull was also present, said department spokeswoman Kaitlyn Krasselt.

Rinaldi said he wants to see more patient involvement in decisions about the program.

"I would like something a little

bit more concrete than vague open-ended promises to bring community leaders to the table," Rinaldi said.

The state also changed the method of testing for cannabis from a plating method to a qPCR. The new method, which labs will have six months to implement, is DNA-based and is more specific, according to state documents.

The proposal went through a public comment period that ended in February, and the attorney general approved it in March.

Ginny Monk is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (<https://ct-mirror.org/>). Copyright 2022 © The Connecticut Mirror.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following item:

1. Application #22-12: Request for a Special Permit for a garage over 1,000 square feet at 560-562 Main Street. Timothy J. Farrell is the Applicant and Timothy J. and Sharon S. Farrell are the Owners.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written testimony received. This application is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Planner.

Alice Kelly  
Chairman

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this the 23rd day of May 2022,  
5/27 & 6/2/22 7218627

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT A. BAINES, SR., late of Portland, AKA ROBERT A. BAINES (22-00144)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkencrook, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region #4 Probate Court, by decree dated May 24, 2022 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Debra C. Daniels, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Peggy Ann Tierney  
c/o GEORGE A. LAW, LAW OFFICE OF  
GEORGE A. LAW, 595 MAIN STREET,  
PO BOX 248, PORTLAND, CT 06480  
May 27, 2022 7219071

### TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following item:

1. Application #22-12: Request for a Special Permit for a garage over 1,000 square feet at 560-562 Main Street. Timothy J. Farrell is the Applicant and Timothy J. and Sharon S. Farrell are the Owners.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written testimony received. This application is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Planner.

Alice Kelly  
Chairman

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this the 23rd day of May 2022,  
5/27, 6/2/2022 7218594

#### INVITATION TO BID CITY OF MIDDLETEOWN

Sealed proposals, addressed to the Supervisor of Purchases, City of Middletown, Room 112, Municipal Building, Middletown, Connecticut, will be received until Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM for the following:

#### BID #2022-010 TREE TRIMMING AND STUMP REMOVAL SERVICES PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bid documents may be obtained at the Purchasing Office, Room 112, Municipal Building, 245 Dekoven Drive, Middletown, CT, Monday - Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for a fee of \$.50 per page. It is preferred that they are downloaded free of charge on the City of Middletown web site: [www.MiddletownCT.gov](http://www.MiddletownCT.gov). All questions concerning this bid should be directed in writing to the Purchasing Department via fax at 860-638-4895 or email at [purchase@MiddletownCT.gov](mailto:purchase@MiddletownCT.gov).

Bids will not be publicly opened in the Municipal Building, however, bids will be opened and read aloud via Webex. Additional information and a link will be provided on our website [www.MiddletownCT.gov](http://www.MiddletownCT.gov) for those interested in viewing the bid opening via Webex.

The City of Middletown reserves the right to waive any defect or any irregularity in any bid and reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof. Bids, and amendments to bids received after the time set for the bid opening will not be considered. All bids must be completely filled out when submitted. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the City of Middletown's written consent. Withdrawal of any bid must be submitted in writing to the City of Middletown.

All bids and proposals are subject to, and must comply with the equal opportunity and non-discriminatory provisions set forth in the Affirmative Action Plan of the City of Middletown.

Dated: 05/27/2022  
Middletown, Connecticut

Donna L. Formato, CPPB, NIGP-CPP  
Supervisor of Purchases  
5/27/2022 7219094

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#### ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET REPORT FOR 2022-2023

	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023	
	Proposed Revenue	Proposed Expenses
<b>SOURCE OR CLASSIFICATION</b>		
1. Fare Revenue	\$ 284,150	
2. Federal Funds	\$ 1,328,850	
3. State Funds	\$ 3,969,600	
4. Town Appropriations	\$ 703,400	
5. Salary, Wages and Benefits	\$ 3,831,500	
6. Services	\$ 448,600	
7. Rent and Utilities	\$ 244,500	
8. Insurance	\$ 66,400	
9. Operating Expenses	\$ 1,415,000	
10. Office Supply	\$ 103,700	
11. Other Expenses	\$ 90,800	
12. Purchase Transportation	\$ 25,000	
13. Park Connect	\$ 40,500	
<b>BUDGET TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 6,286,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,286,000</b>

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT UNRESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCE AS OF  
06/30/21 \$743,895  
7219231 5/27/2022

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE MIDDLETOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION JUNE 8, 2022

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Request for a re-subdivision of a 7.95 acre property located at 644 County Club Road into two lots building lot in the R-30 zone. Applicant: Domenico Fragomeni & Adriwica Trzaska: S2022-2.

Petition to update and amend the Middletown Zoning Code by deleting Sections 23A, 33A, 39, 39A, 44.08, 45, and 62, modifying Sections 11.01, 16, 26, 30, 40.03.09, 44.08.21, 48.03.06, 60, and 61 and create new Sections 23A, 23B, 23C, and 62, and amend the Middletown Zoning Code by adding several properties located in the MX, TD, B-3, IM, M, R-15, or R-30 zones to a proposed new MXR, MXC or MX zone to preserve and promote traditional neighborhood development. Applicant/Agent: City of Middletown, Land Use Department, Z2022-2. A copy of the proposed zoning code and map amendments can be found on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the Middletown Land Use Department, and [www.MiddletownCT.gov](http://www.MiddletownCT.gov).

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this the 23rd day of May 2022.  
5/27 & 6/2/22 7218627

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Thomas M. Fredericks, Late of Old Saybrook (22-0315)

The Central Connecticut Health District, which covers the towns of Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Central Connecticut Health District Office, 2080 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT. The purpose of this Public Hearing is consideration of the proposed 2022-2023 Central Connecticut Health District Budget. Due to concerns for the spread of COVID-19, interested persons may provide comment through written communications that have been received by the health district. A copy of the proposed Budget may be obtained from the Health District Office at 2080 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT, or by calling 860-758-8380; or by going to [www.ctchd.org](http://www.ctchd.org).

Written comments may be sent at any time to the address above or [cbr@ctchd.org](mailto:cbr@ctchd.org) and will be accepted until the conclusion of the public hearing on Thursday, June 16, 2022.  
5/26/2022 7217872

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Audrey Jean Fulcher (22-0325)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated May 23, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Kristin L. Bartunek  
c/o ALEXANDER TIGHE, TIGHE LAW  
OFFICE, LLC, 12 OLD POST RD.,  
OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475

May 27, 2022 7218981

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joan M. Wender (22-0289)

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Robertine L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Curtis Wender  
c/o ROBERT C LEITZE, ROBERT C. LEITZE,  
37 BOSTON STREET, GUILFORD, CT 06437

May 27, 2022 7218997

#### LEGAL NOTICE

CHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF DECISION

Notice is hereby given that the Chester Zoning Board of Appeals, at its Regular Meeting of Monday, May 16, 2022, considered and denied, without prejudice, the following application:

a) Application for Variance of Sections 40.D, 100C.1, and 100C.9 to allow for construction of a storage building within Special Flood Hazard Area at 72 Railroad Avenue, Applicant: Chester Point Real Estate, LLC.

Details of this decision may be obtained by contacting the Chester Land Use Office at 860-526-0013 x113 or via email at [zoningofficial@chesterct.org](mailto:zoningofficial@chesterct.org).

Robert Blair, Chair

Dated at Chester, Connecticut this 27th day of May, 2022

5/27/22 7217286

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Marge B. Caltharp, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Joan M. Aronson  
c/o PHILIP J CARIGNAN, MORAN SHUSTER  
C & K, 111 SIMSBURY RD, SUITE 201,  
AVON, CT 06001

May 27, 2022 7219253

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ESTATE OF Phillip J. Carignan, Moran Shuster (22-0329)

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# LIVING

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## Bob Odenkirk likes where Saul's journey ends

Actor still wrapping head around support after his heart attack

By Glenn Whipp  
Los Angeles Times

Bob Odenkirk doesn't remember anything about his heart attack last summer — not the CPR, not the three defibrillator zaps that brought him back to life and nothing from the eight days he spent recuperating at Albuquerque Presbyterian Hospital. Even the week after he went home is sketchy. He vaguely recalls his wife, Naomi, and adult kids, Nate and Erin, being with him and time spent with his "Better Call Saul" co-stars Rhea Seehorn and Patrick Fabian.

But that's it. No white light moment? No encounters with St. Peter or a dearly departed pet?

"No," Odenkirk answers. I express a little disappointment that Odenkirk cannot offer me reassurance about an afterlife.

"You're disappointed? I'm disappointed," Odenkirk says. "I wanted to have that tale to tell. I wanted to tell you which of my relatives was first in line to greet me. I wanted to see Abraham Lincoln playing chess with Elvis Presley and get in on that game. I think Lincoln's probably going to win. But only after Presley throws the board across the room and knocks Lincoln's hat off."

Odenkirk, 59, chuckles. But just a little. He thinks about his near-death experience often. If his heart is going to stop and he's going to turn bluish-gray because he isn't breathing and if they have to put the paddles on him to jump-start his pulse, he would have liked just one



Rhea Seehorn as Kim Wexler and Bob Odenkirk as Jimmy McGill in "Better Call Saul."

AMC/SONY PICTURES TELEVISION

grand, existential moment of awareness and maybe a couple answers about what's next. Instead, he just got a big blank space.

Of course, that's not all he got. Odenkirk also received a monumental outpouring of love from complete strangers on social media and that he remembers. Odenkirk still can't wrap his head around the kindness directed his way. He's not a warm-and-fuzzy guy. His comedy career — Chicago club stages, writing for "Saturday Night Live," creating and performing "Mr. Show" with David Cross, all chronicled in his memoir "Comedy Comedy Comedy Drama" — has been predicated on the idea that the best humor comes from a place of anger. And that people are stupid. And that

life is dumb.

And sure, audiences do treasure Saul Goodman, the fast-talking attorney who provided "Breaking Bad" with moments of comic relief and turned into a cautionary tale and tragic antihero on "Better Call Saul," now in its final run of episodes. "But Saul's not a good guy," Odenkirk says. "He's very selfish. So I don't think it's that."

This ignites a good-natured debate about how "Better Call Saul" made us feel something deeper about Odenkirk's character, introduced as Jimmy McGill, a man of many talents, one of which is scamming. He's a scamp looking for approval, foolishly, it turns out, from his older brother, played by Michael McKean. And when that relationship

turns sour, it fuels frustrations and resentments that Jimmy can't leave behind.

Anyway, we feel something for the guy — and for the actor who has played him for a decade.

"I'll allow that," Odenkirk says. "But I don't think it explains that outpouring of warmth. I think that came from COVID, which freaked everyone out and led to this feeling of 'Can we just not have more bad things happen to us for a little while?' And then, you know, I'm not a movie star. I'm just a guy who acts and works hard. I think people see me and think, 'If I was an actor and had a great bit of luck, I'd be like him. He's not a flashy guy. He's not even particularly gifted. He just shows up and goes to work.' People can relate to that. And maybe that

provoked a certain amount of empathy."

Odenkirk isn't pushing false humility. He likes to analyze things, and this is his genuine take on why the world wished him well.

"Bob, being who he is, is always grappling with the subtext going through his head," says Seehorn. "Like, when he was writing the book, he had to wrap his mind around, 'Well, who am I to be writing a bio?' And I would tell him time and time again that he has this breadth of work and expertise in comedy and a million funny stories, and he's a great writer and has taken risks and tried things, and they haven't always worked out, but he keeps trying. That's interesting. Who wouldn't want to read about that?" She pauses. "It took some convincing."

The book, which Odenkirk wrote over the course of a few years, ended up containing a fair amount of advice, along the lines of "if I can do it, so can you."

Odenkirk doesn't consider himself some wise old sage, but he does think people can learn things over the course of time and even change. That belief has been at the heart of the many arguments he's had with "Saul" creators Peter Gould and Vince Gilligan.

"My pitch to them is always: Sometimes people learn the right lessons from challenges and trauma," Odenkirk says.

The first five seasons have opened with a flash-forward of Saul, now going by the alias of Gene Takovic, living in Omaha, Nebraska, managing a shopping center Cinnabon and living a bleak, empty, low-key life. The last time we see Gene, he believes he has been made and needs to change his identity and disappear again. And then

he seems to see something and changes his mind.

"He's looking back on his whole life and asking himself, 'Do I react the way that my instinct tells me, the same instinct that has landed me in a ... mall in Omaha, making cinnamon rolls? Do I keep following that gut?' He's still Jimmy McGill. He's still Saul Goodman. I promise you that. But in his growth, he's asking himself, 'Really? Is this all worth it?' And you see in that moment that he can't hold that ... in any longer. He needs to be himself."

Odenkirk won't say what's to come in the remaining episodes. But without getting into specifics, it would seem that Odenkirk may have finally won his long-standing argument with the series' writers, allowing Saul to step past his resentments.

"You know, I've had my bitterness and frustrations, but whenever I see that at play ... I say, ... 'That is not a way to move forward,'" Odenkirk says. "And with Saul, I've always told Peter and Vince that sometimes people learn the right lessons and not the most selfish, resentful lesson from a bad thing that's happened to them. They become bigger and more gracious and not smaller and ground-down."

"This is not a spoiler, what I'm saying here," Odenkirk adds. "It's weird, because it sounds like maybe I'm pitching that Saul becomes this good-hearted, generous, caring person. I can't tell you where he ends up, but it's not like he has some revelation of humanity. I think he gets to ..." Odenkirk pauses.

"I think I've said all I can say. But I like where his journey ends. And I think you'll like it too."

### CELEBRITIES

## DeGeneres wraps daytime TV show

From news services

Ellen DeGeneres brought her nearly two-decade daytime talk show to an end Thursday with a celebrity lovefest and an assertion of her achievement as a gay woman.

DeGeneres and guests Jennifer Aniston, Billie Eilish and Pink shared memories and affection as "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" concluded its Emmy-winning, 3,200-plus episode run that began in September 2003.

"Twenty years ago, when we were trying to sell the show, no one thought that this would work. Not because it was a different kind of show, but because I was different," DeGeneres said of the pushback from TV stations.

Aniston, who as the first guest on the show's first episode gave DeGeneres a "Welcome" doormat, arrived with another that read, "Thanks for the memories."

"I love you, and I so appreciate you and what you have given to the world over the last 19 years. The contribution is endless," said the actor who has been on the show a total of 20 times. She introduced a career retrospective video that also touted DeGeneres' philanthropic efforts, said to include more than \$400 million in donations to charities and "deserving viewers."

"I love you," a beaming Eilish told DeGeneres during their chat.

"I love you so much, it's dumb," said Pink, who performed "What About Us?"

DeGeneres wrapped her daytime show with a plea to her audience. "If I've done anything in the past 19 years, I hope I've inspired you to be yourself, your true authentic self. And if someone is brave enough to tell you who they are, be brave enough to support them, even if



Ellen DeGeneres, right, is embraced by Jennifer Aniston during the final taping of "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" in Burbank, California. MICHAEL ROZMAN/WARNER BROS.

you don't understand," DeGeneres said. "By opening your heart and your mind, you're going to be that much more compassionate, and compassion is what makes the world a better place."

**BTS, Biden to meet:** BTS, the Grammy-nominated South Korean boy band, will join President Joe Biden next week to talk about "Asian inclusion and representation" and to address hate crimes and discrimination against Asians, the White House announced Thursday.

The musical group's White House visit next Tuesday follows Biden's trip last week to South Korea. Biden and BTS also will discuss diversity and the K-pop group's platform as youth ambassadors.

**Court dismisses Shakira appeal:** A court in Spain on Thursday dismissed Colombian singer Shakira's appeal in a tax fraud case, paving the way for a trial after a judge previously concluded there was enough evidence to suggest the pop star may

have avoided her fiscal obligations to the state.

The case first made headlines in December 2018 after Spanish prosecutors charged the singer with failing to pay approximately \$15.5 million in taxes on income earned between 2012 and 2014. Shakira's public relations firm said Thursday that she had immediately paid what she owed once she was informed of the debt.

Shakira, 45, denied any wrongdoing when she testified in June 2019.

At the heart of the legal wrangling is the question of the singer's residence. Prosecutors allege she lived mostly in Spain despite having an official residence in the Bahamas.

**May 27 birthdays:** Actor Lee Meriwether is 87. Musician Ramsey Lewis is 87. Actor Louis Gossett Jr. is 86. Actor Bruce Weitz is 79. Singer Dee Dee Bridgewater is 72. Actor Richard Schiff is 67. Actor Paul Bettany is 51. Actor Jack McBrayer is 49. TV chef Jamie Oliver is 47. Actor Ben Feldman is 42. Actor Chris Colfer is 32.



## ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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### Grandfather's roughhousing leads to tears

**Dear Amy:** Recently my children and I were with my in-laws (their grandparents) at a crowded event where I relied on my father-in-law to supervise my son (age 4) while I was with my toddler daughter.

My father-in-law tries to connect with my son by "being silly," which for him means nose pinching, tickling, tug-of-war while holding hands and general roughhousing and clownish behavior.

Occasionally my son laughs with him, but more often I can tell by his body language that he feels assaulted by all the unwanted touching.

At one point he fell down and was sobbing because his grandpa essentially pushed him down via tug of war.

As we said goodbye and grandpa tried to jostle him into a hug, my son refused to say goodbye at all. It began to dawn on me how much roughhousing had been happening, so I asked my son if grandpa "nudges" him too much.

He said "I love grandpa so much and every time I see him I'm so excited to play, but he makes me sad every time because he's too rough."

What is the best way to approach this?

I see a few options. I could encourage my son to advocate for himself to his grandpa. I could tell my father-in-law about what my son said, something to the effect of, "I can see you really want to connect with our kids, but what you're doing is the opposite of connecting."

I feel like he's being a bully, but I am not sure if I'm projecting my own feelings onto the situation.

**Your advice?**

— Protective Mom

**Dear Protective:** It never ceases to amaze me that some adults can look at children who are obviously distressed — and not adjust their adult behavior.

Let's stipulate that this grandfather is not intentionally being a bully, but he is behaving the way he knows how to behave — and has always behaved with children. He may justify this by believing he is "toughening up the little guy!" — but this behavior from a beloved adult is extremely confusing, as your son articulated. And,

mind you, the last thing this grandfather wants is for this child to become so tough that he either retaliates (for which his grandfather would likely punish him) or simply avoids him.

Coach your son to express his needs: "Grandpa, no — too rough!"

Also pass along your son's quoted comments and ask your father-in-law: "Can you dial down the roughhousing? It's pretty hard on him."

**Dear Amy:** My 30-year-old (younger) sister is transfixed by a man who in another time would be called "a rake." He is handsome, charming and has a reputation as a womanizer.

My sister "Cecile" is trusting and sweet — and a bit naive. She has had a few relationships and has been burned a few times.

My instincts to try to protect my sister are very strong, but I don't want to overstep or alienate her.

Your suggestion? — Protective Sister

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**Dear Protective:** I

appreciate the term "rake" as an adjective — because it brings to mind visions of various "lovable scoundrels" from English literature.

I therefore turn to Jane Austen for advice.

In her novel "Sense and Sensibility" (a story about a protective older sister), the younger sister "Marianne" falls hard for the rakish Mr. Willoughby, while the somber and appropriate Colonel Brandon loves her from afar.

Brandon offers a most gracious blessing to the doomed couple, that I'll paraphrase here: "I pray that she will be happy, and that he will somehow deserve her."

What you can do for your sister is to hope for her happiness, and stand in her corner if things don't go well. Weighing in — especially if you are not invited — will not help.

**Dear Amy:** Thank you for running the question from "Not Gifted," the couple that was overwhelmed with multiple gifts from in-laws. The in-laws were not respecting the couple's request to stop exchanging gifts.

My family dealt with this same issue. It took several years to basically "train" family members away from material gifts, but now we exchange and enjoy "experiences" together.

— Grateful

**Dear Grateful:** I love this idea, and hope many readers adopt it.

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# Megan Stalter always thought she was 'special'

Breakout role on 'Hacks' has shown audiences that too

By Meredith Blake  
Los Angeles Times

Megan Stalter was glancing at an antique spinning wheel at her mother's house in Ohio last June when, suddenly, inspiration struck. It was Pride month, when corporations issue bland, often unconvincing statements of support for the LGBTQ community.

A thought occurred to her: Wouldn't it be funny if a store with a down-home aesthetic (think Cracker Barrel) made a Pride commercial?

In a single take, she recorded a video that quickly went viral. The comedian posed stiffly in front of the spinning wheel and launched into a clumsy sales pitch for a fictional establishment called Cecily's Butter Shop.

"Hi, Gay! Happy Pride

month! This month we

are sashaying away with deals," she said through a forced grin, plugging the discounts available to anyone "if you can prove that you're queer." "We've been making butter since 1945. And we've been accepting all people since" — she paused — "the last four months."

Bossy, bumbling, prone to malapropisms and anxious tics, the butter store employee displayed the hallmarks of what has fast become a comedic archetype: the Megan Stalter Character.

"I love to play people that are a little bit in their own world, yet there's something endearing about them," said the actor, 31. "Someone whose house is burning down but they have a smile on their face. And they're like, 'Everything is fine!' when it's not."

Stalter's profile ascended rapidly during the early days of the pandemic, when she performed



Megan Stalter reprises her role as Kayla, a clueless Hollywood assistant, in season two of "Hacks." KAREN BALLARD/HBO MAX

nightly on Instagram Live from her Brooklyn, New York, apartment and shared a staggering number of "front-facing comedy" videos, or solo character sketches recorded on a smartphone. She epitomized a new generation of DIY comedy stars, like Cole Escola and Ziwe Fumudoh, who distributed content on social media when traditional venues were closed.

Increasingly, though, Stalter has brought her lovably unhinged alter egos to projects filmed outside her living quarters.

She is reprising her

breakout role as Kayla, a clueless Hollywood assistant brimming with self-assurance yet utterly lacking self-awareness, in the HBO Max comedy "Hacks." She also appears in Peacock's reboot of "Queer as Folk," premiering in June, and will soon film "Cora Bora," an indie comedy about a millennial in an open relationship.

"Every year since me

deciding to, like, really go after what I wanted to do in life has been better than the next," Stalter said. "My life already is better than I ever could expect. My dreams are already coming true. And I feel so lucky. Because how often does it get to happen?"

The eldest of four children, Stalter grew up in Dayton, Ohio; her mom was a nurse and her dad, a tattoo artist. They were divorced, and Stalter spent a lot of time caring for younger siblings. But Stalter was surrounded by funny women and, from a young age, felt a powerful need to be onstage.

"Superstar," the movie starring Molly Shannon as chaotic, fame-hungry Catholic schoolgirl Mary Katherine Gallagher, "was life-changing." Stalter once

scrambled to put together a dance routine when her Catholic elementary school put on a talent show and loved to make age-inappropriate home movies with her many cousins.

ble ex-boyfriend and the friendship blossomed into a short-lived romance.

By 2019, Stalter had moved to New York and was making a name for herself in the alt-comedy scene with her surreal stand-up act.

Then COVID-19 arrived, clubs shut down — and she blew up on social media.

Paul W. Downs — who co-created "Hacks" and plays Kayla's beleaguered boss, a talent manager named Jimmy — was impressed by Stalter's ability to connect with so many people during a period of isolation.

"I think some performers were like, 'I'm gonna wait till I can tour again,' but she just had no ego about it and was never 'too good' to just do front-facing videos," he said.

With co-creators Jen Statsky and Lucia Aniello, Downs had developed the character of Kayla based on a real-life person they'd met in the industry. "One

of the defining qualities of that person is that she was incredibly self-assured and, weirdly, at the same time, nervous and inept," he said.

Downs saw Stalter perform and felt like there was something about the tortured syntax and stuttering cadence of her characters that was just right for Kayla.

Stalter eventually got the call to audition for "Hacks," which would be her first significant TV role. By then, a friend who worked on the show had sent her a screenshot of a section of the script that compared Kayla to Megan Stalter. "And then I felt like there was a lot of pressure to get the part," she said. Stalter put herself on tape, in her brother's "horrible" New York apartment, as dogs barked in the background. It worked.

The tension between Jimmy and Kayla, whose father happens to run the agency where she works, was a highlight of the show's Emmy-winning first season. This season, as stand-up legend Deborah Vance (Jean Smart) and up-and-coming writer Ava Daniels (Hannah Einbinder) hit the road for a cross-country tour, Kayla comes under review by HR for trying to seduce Jimmy during a work trip to Las Vegas. But their odd-couple relationship develops more nuance in the episodes ahead — a reflection, perhaps, of the likability Stalter brings to a character who could easily be a broad caricature of entitlement and privilege. She has somehow made the Megan Stalter Character, well, more like Megan Stalter.

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### Aries (March 21-April 19):

Impressing someone powerful may be important today. Having a sense of your own power might be the most important thing. Achieving your desired outcome is not as dependent on the other person as you think, and acknowledging this can help you handle the situation.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Actions could speak louder than words today. You have to admit that your activities are different from what you believe you should be doing. While you may be able to get away with this for now, the more important question is whether you want to live like that.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20):

An organization you belong to could be giving you a lot to think about. Although things are pleasant on the surface, you might be aware of complicated interpersonal dynamics underfoot. You may want to get all the facts before you discuss your next moves.

### Cancer (June 21-July 22):

A professional relationship could be intense, as a recent advance might have come with costs. Feeling like you must navigate changes alone is likely to increase your anxiety. Talking to friends to get a sense of what's common should help you avoid getting taken advantage of.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On May 27, 1937,** the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge was opened to pedestrian traffic.

**In 1942,** Doris "Dorie" Miller became the first African American to

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

Staying focused on your responsibilities could be difficult today, as the prospect of something more fun probably beckons. That said, if you're able to look at the details, you may get a glimpse of your larger professional direction. That might help you focus long enough to finish your to-do list. Enjoy yourself with fewer reservations.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

You feel like you're not getting taken seriously when you merge resources with others. It could be time to openly admit what you want. The biggest things that might need to change are your beliefs and expectations about this kind of collaboration.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

You might be suspicious of anyone who wants to get close to you. Commitment may worry you because you feel like you'll get sucked into something that could potentially steal your independence. Unraveling your emotions about sharing might be necessary to handle this situation.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

You may really want chores done your way today. However, make sure that you don't become a tyrant. Though you might be challenged to see that others have their own valid priorities, hurting a relationship over this is just not worth it. Focus on what is yours to control.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

Money may seem to be the answer to a friendship problem. Perhaps you feel intimidated by someone involved in the situation. If you talk things out, you might find a solution that doesn't involve your wallet. A few questions could reveal that you've assumed something that isn't true.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Impulse purchases could be tempting today. Spending money you can't really spare to satisfy your emotional needs is likely to lead to disappointment. You might find it rewarding to focus on chores that keep you grounded. Being able to point to concrete results may give your self-esteem a boost that is sustainable and affordable.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Loosening up may help you in your home life. Though perhaps there's a power struggle, you might need to let go of the issue before the other person. They could perceive you as having an agenda. Expressing yourself can dispel misconceptions.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

You tell people what they want to hear, allowing you to get what you want. However, just because you can do something doesn't mean you should. Shore up your emotional security, and then see whether what you were hoping to talk somebody into is worth the trouble.

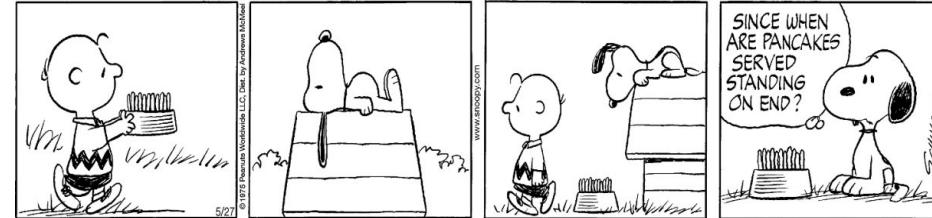
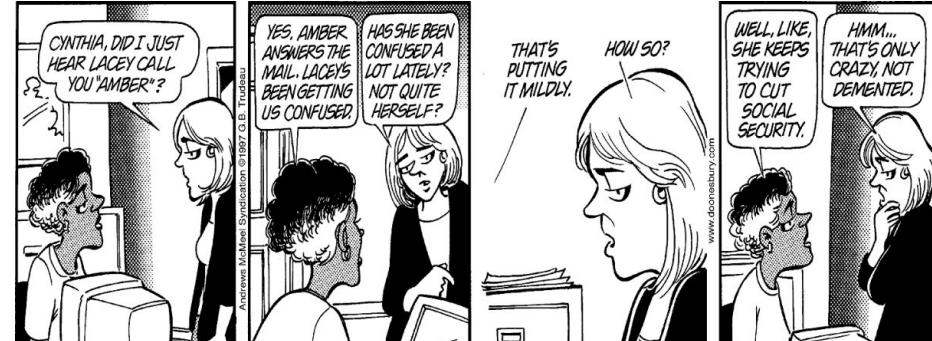
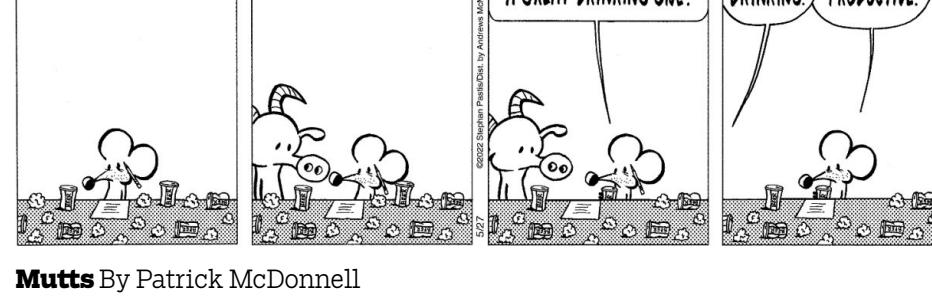
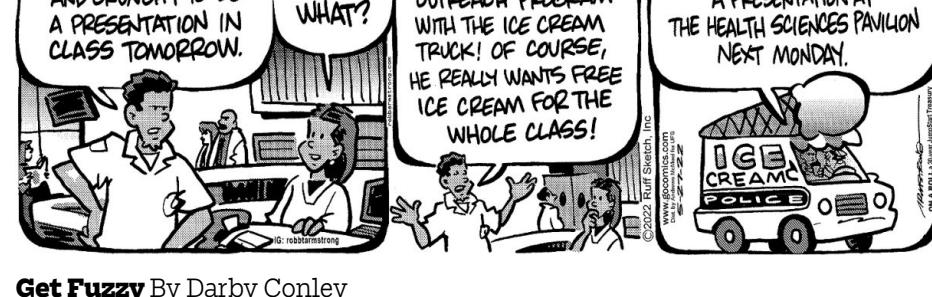
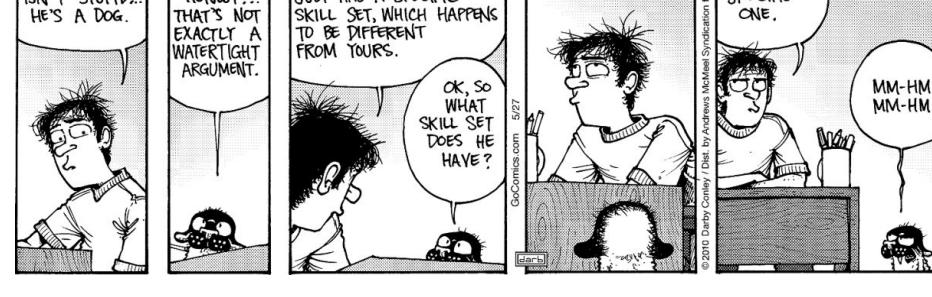
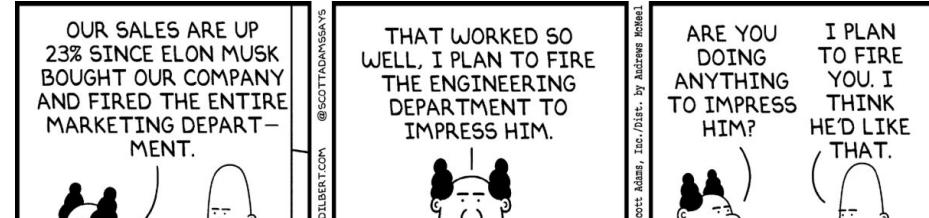
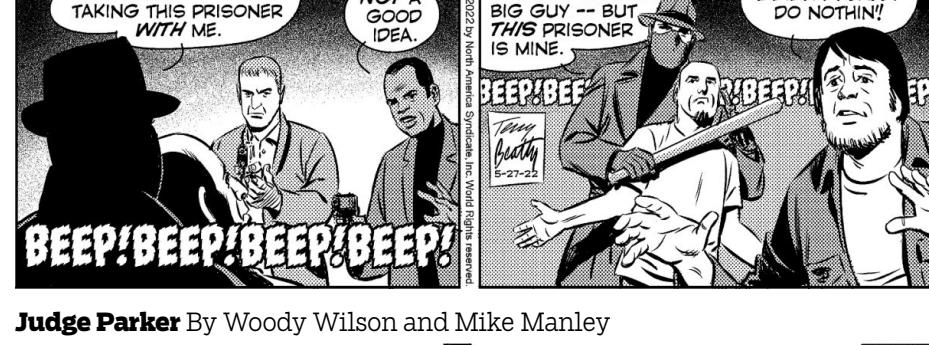
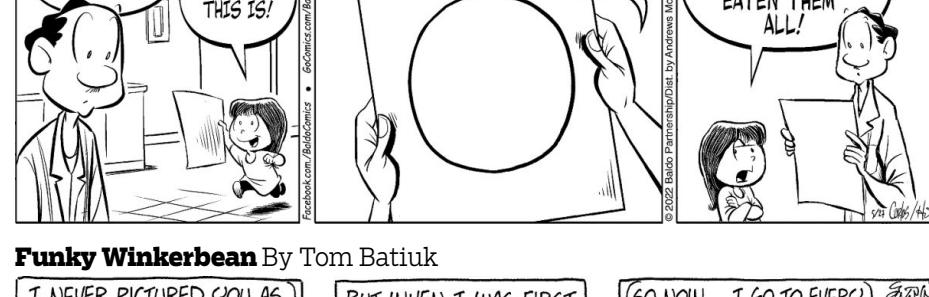
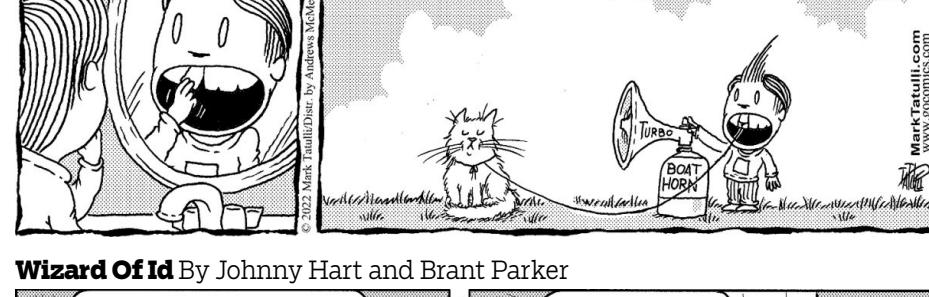
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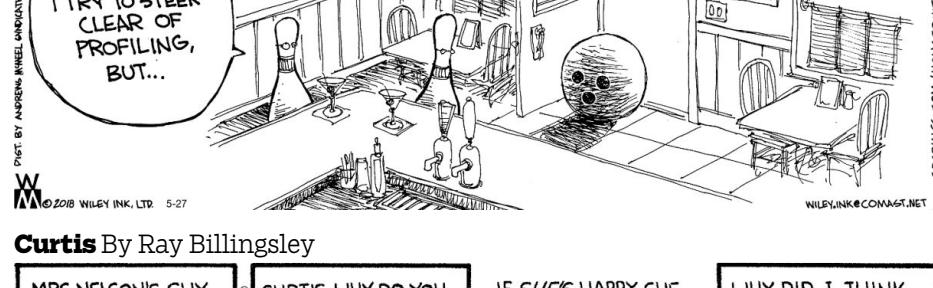
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### O'Brien for destroying his draft card outside a Boston courthouse, ruling that the act was not protected by freedom of speech.

**In 2020,** protests over the death of George Floyd in police custody rocked Minneapolis for a second night. **Also,** the U.S. surged past a milestone in the coronavirus pandemic, with the confirmed death toll topping 100,000.



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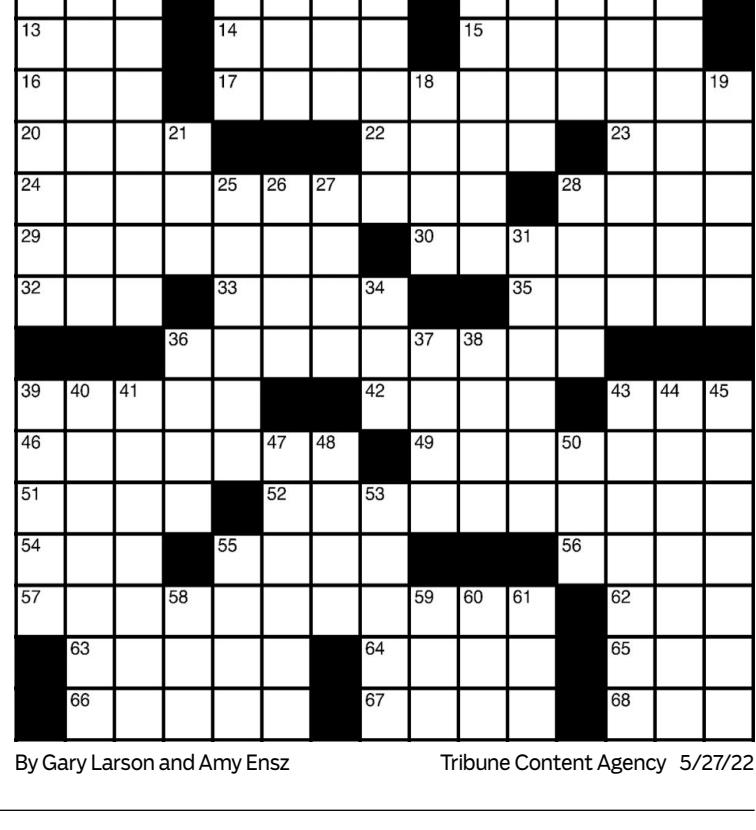
**Across**

- 1 \_\_\_-relief
- 4 Sacks
- 8 Loose strands of hair
- 13 Tonsillectomy doc
- 14 Class struggle?
- 15 Point of contention
- 16 Binary pronoun
- 17 \*Genetically engineered retriever?
- 20 Many a Riyadh resident
- 22 Family chart
- 23 NYC airport near Citi Field
- 24 \*Colleague of an Idaho farmer?
- 28 Care follower
- 29 Relatively small upright
- 30 Tammy of country
- 32 NFL stats
- 33 Socket set
- 35 Let up
- 36 \*Advice to someone who doesn't want more kittens?
- 39 Star in astronomy
- 42 Of all time
- 43 Hr. to go
- 46 \_\_\_ knot
- 49 Successful candidate
- 51 God with good aim
- 52 \*Teaches tricks to circus animals?
- 54 "Better Call Saul" network
- 55 Interminable time
- 56 Nevada city
- 57 \*Food and water supplied during a marathon?
- 62 Future louse
- 63 Clip

**Down**

- 64 Draft category
- 65 New prefix
- 66 Nonsensical
- 67 Holiday song, and, phonetically, an apt description of the answers to the starred clues
- 68 Start to sneeze?
- 1 "You should smile more"
- 2 Barometer type
- 3 Soprano Teresa known for her recording of Berg's "Lulu"
- 4 Sack
- 5 Body spray brand
- 6 Beetle juice?
- 7 Clobber, biblically
- 8 Port producer

- 9 "Amazing Grace" ending
- 10 Abbreviation on old maps
- 11 Young hens
- 12 Data storage company
- 18 Got bigger
- 19 Exposed
- 21 Shut out
- 25 Promotional links
- 26 Chalcedony with black and white bands
- 27 One who's well-versed
- 28 Exhausted
- 31 Not as far
- 34 Binary pronoun
- 36 In things
- 37 Square
- 38 Hibernian, e.g.
- 39 \_\_\_ jar
- 40 Meteorological concern
- 41 Ristorante dumplings
- 43 \_\_\_ Aligner: fashion house known for accessories
- 44 Sneaks on the court?
- 45 Classic autos advertised with the Cole Porter song "It's De-Lovely"
- 47 Cow owner in a Rockwell painting
- 48 Real hoot
- 50 Caboose, e.g.
- 53 Salad topper
- 55 Shrinking Asian sea
- 58 Caterpillar roll fish
- 59 Peace activist Yoko
- 60 Word that indicates a name change
- 61 ESPN reporter Paolantonio



By Gary Larson and Amy Ensz

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**BRIDGE**

BY STEVE BECKER

**Bidding Quiz**

It is said that if you go to three different doctors to have an ailment diagnosed, you'll get three different opinions. Well, the same thing is true if you consult a group of bridge experts about a bidding problem. As proof, we offer the following question presented by Bridge World magazine many years ago to 44 nationally known experts.

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	

What would you now bid with the following hand?

♦ Q5 ♠ 4 ♣ AJ7643 ♠ A96

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The panel voted: 21 for two notrump; 18 for three clubs; 5 for two spades.

Here are comments made by some of the panelists:

H.H. Harvey: "A clear-cut two-notrump bid."

L. Hazen: "Three clubs seems to give greater mobility, but I would accept two notrump or two spades." (Said Albert Morehead, who conducted the poll: "An amiable type, anyway.")

E. Kaplan: "Two spades. I'm not enthusiastic about the prospects of a notrump contract unless partner can bid two notrump over two spades. However, I do have good values for a spade contract, which I want to suggest."

D. Oakie: "With a degree of restraint, I merely say that any answer other than two notrump will not reflect creditably upon the one who advocates it."

V. Remey: "Three clubs. Two notrump is a strong second choice, but I feel I have the right cards to justify a one-round force."

W. Rosen: "Two spades. After going to the two-level, a preference does justice to the hand."

**BRIDGE**

BY STEVE BECKER

A. Sheinwold: "Two notrump. Where, oh where, is the problem?" (Said Morehead: "We dunno. Have you seen your regular partner, Kaplan, lately?")

It can be seen that there was quite a diversity of opinion. This writer feels that a strong effort to reach game should be taken with these cards. Consequently, the three-club bid, which has the virtue of being forcing, is favored here.

Two spades seems inadequate because it is not sufficiently forward-going. Two notrump, although theoretically stronger than two spades, does not show the full strength of the hand, and might also make the wrong hand declarer in notrump (particularly if partner has the queen of clubs).

However, readers have the freedom to decide the issue for themselves. You pays yer money and you takes yer choice.

**Tomorrow:** Detection through deduction.

**JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

THHIC	OO
OO	OO
TNNIH	OO
OO	OO
LBTALE	OO
OO	OO
BCPLIU	OO
OO	OO

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**C'mon, old man! Let's do this.**

**I'm getting tired of this.**

**BEING A RAM AND SMASHING HORNS SO OFTEN WAS BECOMING A --**

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRUFF POISE APATHY RODENT

Answer: The young horse was bought by a family that was happy to -- PONY UP FOR IT

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7		3	2	9				
2	8	6		3	4			
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1				5	9			
4	8		3		6	9		
	9	7	4		3			

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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4	9	6	8	3	1	2	7	5
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9	3	5	7	6	8	1	2	4
6	1	2	4	5	3	7	8	9
8	7	4	1	9	2	6	5	3
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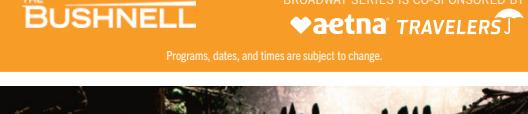
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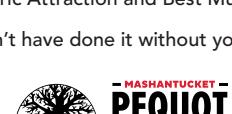
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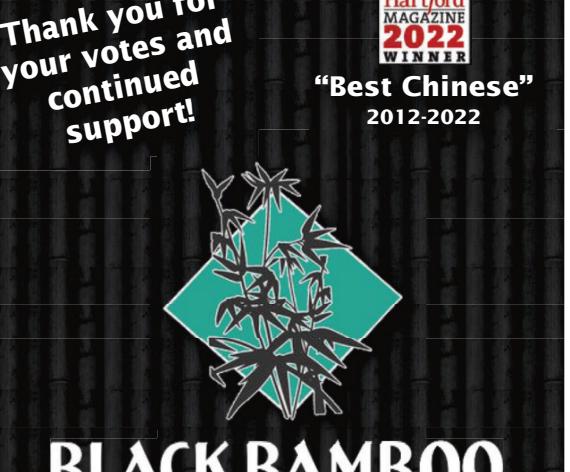


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# SPORTS

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NHL PLAYOFFS HURRICANES 3, RANGERS 1

## 'Canes push Rangers to the brink of elimination

By Aaron Beard  
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Vincent Trocheck buried a short-handed goal, Teuvo Teravainen had a rare power-play score for Carolina and the Hurricanes beat the New York Rangers 3-1 on Thursday night to take a 3-2 lead in the second-round playoff series.

Andrei Svechnikov also scored, beating Igor Shesterkin with a backhander on a breakaway

midway through the third period as the Hurricanes protected their Game 5 lead.

It was part of yet another strong home performance for the Metropolitan Division champions, who improved to 7-0 at home in the postseason.

The Hurricanes can advance to the Eastern Conference finals to face reigning two-time Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay by winning Game 6 in New York on Saturday, though they are 0-5 away

from PNC Arena so far despite tying for the NHL lead in regular-season road wins.

The Hurricanes controlled long stretches of play by sustaining their aggressive style, finishing with a 34-17 shot advantage to keep the pressure on Shesterkin while also easing the burden on Antti Raanta (16 saves) in Carolina's net.

Now Carolina faces the challenge of putting away a team that

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Hurricanes goaltender Antti Raanta (32) grabs a flying puck while Rangers left wing Chris Kreider (20) watches during the first period of Game 5 of a second-round playoff series Thursday in Raleigh, North Carolina. CHRIS SEWARD/AP

### COLLEGE MEN'S LACROSSE

*"I've got a feeling I'm going to have some goosebumps going on. I'm going to try to hold back the tears if they start to well up. Being so close to home it's going to be an unbelievable experience."*

— Roman Jacoby



Glastonbury's Ronan Jacoby, who won a national championship with Wesleyan, is returning home with a new school, Rutgers, to play for the Division I crown this weekend at Rentschler Field. RUTGERS ATHLETICS

## ROAD TO TITLE LEADS HOME

Glastonbury's Ronan Jacoby returns home with Rutgers to play for NCAA championship

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

Ronan Jacoby will jog out to the field and take his place among his teammates Saturday. He will look up, look around and try to take a photograph with his eyes and mind that will last forever.

NCAA men's lacrosse championship weekend, for a lacrosse lifer, requires that. For Jacoby, afforded a unique opportunity to live it twice, it's even more import-

ant to make the moment last.

"When my name's announced, I'm going to take a moment to soak it all in," said Jacoby, a Glastonbury native who will be playing for Rutgers in the NCAA semifinals against Cornell on Saturday at noon. "I've got a feeling I'm going to have some goosebumps going on. I'm going to try to hold back the tears if they start to well up. Being so close to home it's going to be an unbelievable experience."

It has become a familiar storyline during these strange times in college athletics. The extra eligibility the NCAA granted due to COVID — and the eased NCAA transfer rules — has created some unintended consequences. But it has also made for opportunities

for students to add to extend and expand their athletic horizons.

After graduating from Glastonbury High School, Jacoby went on to a meritorious career at Wesleyan, winning the conference rookie of the year in 2018 and helping the Cardinals win the Division III national championship at Gillette Stadium. He was the team's top scorer in 2019 and '21, collecting 150 goals and 28 assists in 48 games.

"It's really just surreal the way it [has] sort of panned out," Jacoby said. "I developed late. I thought I broke out my senior year of high school, but I didn't have a lot of options to play at the Division I

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### NCAA lacrosse championships

at Rentschler Field

#### Saturday

Division I semifinals  
Cornell vs. Rutgers, noon  
Maryland vs. Princeton, 2:30 p.m.

#### Sunday

Division III championship: RIT vs. Union, 1 p.m.  
Division II championship: Tampa vs. Mercy, 4 p.m.

#### Monday

Division I championship, 1 p.m.

#### INSIDE

A list of players with Connecticut ties competing this weekend. *Page 4*

### BIG EAST BASEBALL

## UConn opens tourney with 4-0 win over Georgetown

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

The UConn baseball team, shaking off a late-season skid, kicked off the postseason with a 4-0 victory over Georgetown in the Big East Tournament on Thursday in Mason, Ohio.

The Huskies, regular-season conference champions and the No. 1 seed in the double-elimination tournament, rode the arm of Austin Peterson, who pitched the first seven innings, allowing four hits with four walks and eight strikeouts. A week ago, Peterson

allowed 10 runs against Georgetown.

"He looked like Austin Peterson," Huskies coach Jim Penders told the UConn website. "He introduced himself to Georgetown. They didn't see the real Austin Peterson last week."

Korey Morton, a freshman from Norwalk, drove in two runs with a fourth-inning single for UConn. David Smith and T.C. Simmons knocked in runs later in the game.

"Enough execution offensively, just enough," Penders said. "It's going to have to be better tomorrow."

UConn plays the winner of Friday's Xavier-Creighton first-round game on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

UConn (44-13) was swept at Georgetown last weekend, allowing 33 runs in three games. The Hoyas clinched the No. 4 seed and final spot with the wins, while UConn's chances for an at-large NCAA Tournament berth were jeopardized. The winner of the conference tournament gets an automatic bid.

"Last weekend, they kicked us in

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Austin Peterson, UConn's No. 1 pitcher all season, delivered in the first game of the Big East Tournament with seven scoreless innings to beat Georgetown, 4-0.

STEPHEN SLADE

SUN 99, WINGS 68

## Sun bounce back with blowout victory over Dallas

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — The past week was a trying one for the Connecticut Sun, testing the team in more ways than one.

Travel issues canceled the team's practice on Monday. On Tuesday, Jasmine Thomas was announced as out for the rest of the season with a torn ACL, leaving the team without its starting point guard and veteran leader. Later that day, the Sun lost to the Dallas Wings, their first loss since the season opener. In lieu of practice the following day, Connecticut players and coaches held a meeting to process the tragic mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, which many were struggling to grasp.

The Sun regrouped and found their groove back on Thursday night, defeating the Wings, 99-68, in blowout fashion at Mohegan Sun Arena.

DeWanna Bonner led Connecticut in scoring with 18 points, while adding six rebounds and two assists. Natasha Hiedeman had 17 points, six assists and three rebounds, and Jonquel Jones had 12 points and five rebounds. Off the bench, Brionna Jones had 15 points and DiJonai Carrington 13.

Here are three takeaways from the victory:

### Sun refused to let their lead slip away

The Sun let the Wings back into the game in Tuesday night's loss and they weren't letting that happen again. Each

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YANKEES 7, RAYS 2

## Cortes helps Yanks to easy win in 1st game vs. rivals

By Dick Scanlon  
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Nelson Cortes took a three-hit shutout into the ninth inning, Matt Carpenter sparked a go-ahead, three-run rally in his Yankees debut and New York beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-2 Thursday night in the first meeting of the AL East rivals this season.

Cortes (4-1) won his third straight start, striking out five and walking one in eight-plus innings. The 27-year-old left-hander lowered his ERA to 1.70, retiring 14 in a row during one stretch. He threw 77 strikes among a career-high 109 pitches.

Cortes has allowed three earned runs or fewer in 18 consecutive starts, two shy of the team record set by Russ Ford in 1910.

Wandy Peralta relieved after Wander Franco's leadoff single in the ninth and allowed Manuel Margot's run-scoring infield hit and Isaac Paredes RBI grounder before finishing a six-hitter.

New York, dealing with a string of injuries, signed Carpenter to a \$1 million, one-year deal before the game and inserted him into the starting lineup when Aaron Hicks was scratched because of right hamstring tightness. The

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**5 a.m.:** 2022 Roland-Garros Tennis 3rd Round. (Live)

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**RED SOX**

# 'They got the best out of me'

Ortiz inducted into Red Sox Hall of Fame

**By Jason Mastrodonato**  
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Almost 20 years after the 2004 Red Sox snapped an 86-year title drought, David Ortiz has a proclamation to make.

"As a matter of fact, I don't think it was any curse," Ortiz said. "I think it was just about putting it all together as a team and winning a championship. We did it. Everybody came in and did something to win games in the regular season and executed in the playoffs."

Curse or no curse, the '04 Red Sox snapped the long World Series title drought to win their first championship since 1918, two years before they sold Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees for \$125,000 (the modern equivalent of about \$1.8 million).

Ortiz's role in breaking it as part of an exceptional 20-year career, 14 of which he spent in Boston, earned him an induction into the Red Sox Hall of Fame during a celebration at Fenway Park on Thursday night.

"It's an honor man," said a smiling Ortiz, who was dressed in an all-black suit, shiny gold and silver jewelry and a pair of black designer sunglasses. "Played here for so long. So many great memories in this organization. The Red Sox. The fans. I have so many stories to talk about for life based on my experience playing here. It's a hell of an honor."

Ortiz will also be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., this summer. But his time in Boston turned Ortiz from a peripheral big leaguer to one of the best big-game hitters this game has ever seen.

Ortiz said the lessons he learned in the Sox' organization played a big role in his stardom, but it was the fanbase that really got him going.

"I would never complain about the fans here," he said. "I don't care what anybody says. The fans here support you. It gets colder here, it's extremely hot here, it's raining here and they found a way to be here. ... The fans here are as good as they come. They motivated me every day. They got the best out of



Former Red Sox star David Ortiz speaks to the media during the "David Ortiz Boston Heart Classic" at Brae Burn Country Club May 24, 2021, in Newton, Massachusetts. MATT STONE/BOSTON HERALD

me."

Ortiz said he feels even more love from Red Sox fans during his retirement than he did during his playing days.

"Even better because I don't play anymore, they already know what I did," he said. "I always loved people around here. New England, it doesn't matter where I go, people from New England are always wishing me the best, come to me with a lot of respect. Everybody thanks me for everything I did here and I thank them back, for motivating me to do what I did. It's a back-and-forth relationship."

Joining Ortiz as this year's induction into the Sox's Hall of Fame were Manny Ramirez, who was not in attendance, Rich Gedman, the late Bill Dinneen and former Sox general manager Dan Duquette, who played a big role in

building the '04 team that broke the curse.

"I'm just so grateful to be a part of it," Duquette said. "The best part of being the Red Sox GM was coming to Fenway Park every day. My favorite day was Patriots' Day. I'd start out in Acton, drive through Concord and see the minutemen on the march into the park, have a coffee and we'd watch the game, go see some of the runners that we knew, and the kids and I would come back in and play tennis off the Green Monster."

Duquette was credited for a large portion of the '04 team, including the signing of Ramirez and the trade acquisitions of Pedro Martinez, Derek Lowe and Jason Varitek, among others.

"The Pedro Martinez trade is the trade you dream about making," Duquette said of the deal that

brought Martinez from the Expos to Boston in exchange for Carl Pavano and Tony Armas before the '98 season. "The Cy Young Award winner in the opposite league, and you can acquire him for minor leaguers? That's a trade you dream about making."

"The other trade, for Lowe and Varitek, that's a powerful trade because you've got two building blocks that were with you for a long time. Derek Lowe, Red Sox Hall of Famer, never spent a day on the disabled list in his entire career. So you'd be hard-pressed to find a guy that's that reliable. And Jason Varitek, he's still helping the club win ballgames. You can see him down there in the dugout. He took all his acumen as a catcher, as a leader, and he applies that to game-planning now. So he can manage whenever he wants to."

**YANKEES NOTES**

## Donaldson apologizes to Robinson's family

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Josh Donaldson has apologized to the wife and family of Jackie Robinson for referencing the pioneering Black baseball player in remarks that led to a confrontation with Chicago White Sox star Tim Anderson.

The New York Yankees third baseman was suspended for one game and fined on Monday by Major League Baseball. The league said Donaldson's comment on Saturday was "disrespectful and in poor judgment." Donaldson has appealed the discipline.

"First and foremost, I have the utmost respect for what Tim Anderson brings to the game of baseball," Donaldson said in a statement Thursday issued through his agency, MVP Sports. "I stated over the weekend that I apologized for offending Tim and that it was a misunderstanding based on multiple exchanges between us over the years. My view of that exchange hasn't changed and I absolutely meant no disrespect. In the past, it had never been an issue and now that it is, we have a mutual understanding."

Carpenter signed, Bañuelos called up: Matt Carpenter was inserted to the New York Yankees' lineup as the designated hitter after agreeing to a one-year contract on Thursday, a week after he was released from the Texas Rangers' minor league system.

Carpenter entered the lineup for a series opener at Tampa Bay when center fielder Aaron Hicks was scratched shortly before game time with hamstring tightness. Aaron Judge was moved from DH to center.

"It happened fast and now I'm here and I couldn't be more excited about it," Carpenter said after meeting with manager Aaron Boone at Tropicana Field.

"We just had a quick conversation about it but my response to him is that's I'm excited to put a uniform on and be part of the best team in baseball right now," Carpenter said.

"I would also like to apologize to Mrs. Rachel Robinson and the Jackie Robinson family for any distress this incident may have caused. Jackie was a true American hero and I hold his name in the highest regard."

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36-year-old Carpenter, released last week from Texas' minor league system, went 0 for 2 with a pair of groundouts and also walked.

Aaron Judge had pair of RBIs to raise his total to 36.

The Yankees opened a 5 1/2-game lead over the Rays by winning the opener of a four-game series, the first of 10 games between the teams in a 28-day span. New York won its third straight following a season-worst three-game losing streak and improved the major leagues' best record to 32-13, matching 1994 for the Yankees' second-best 45-game start behind 35-10 in 1998.

Ryan Yarbrough (0-1) held the Yankees hitless through five innings before hitting Carpenter leading off the sixth.

Marwin Gonzalez singled, and Carpenter scored the go-ahead run on Judge's single. After Anthony Rizzo flied out, Ryan Thompson relieved, Judge stole second and Gleyber Torres flied out.

Miguel Andújar hit a hard grounder off the glove of shortstop Tyler Walls, who recovered and made a one-hop throw to that bounced off the glove of first baseman Harold Ramirez.

Ralph Garza added a run-scoring wild pitch in the seventh. Judge hit a sacrifice fly in the eighth and Anthony Rizzo followed with an RBI double off Brooks Raley, with a second run scoring on an error by right fielder Vidal Bruján,

**REGIONAL DIGEST**

## Yard Goats keep rolling on road, beat Richmond, 7-4

Aaron Schunk had two hits and two RBIs on Thursday night to lead the Hartford Yard Goats to a 7-4 Eastern League win over the Richmond Flying Squirrels at Richmond, Va. Hartford is now 7-2 on its 12-game road trip.

The Yard Goats (26-16) jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the fourth on a fielder's choice ground out and Schunk's two-run double. They extended the lead to 6-2 in the seventh on a two-run double by Isaac Collins and a run-scoring single by Toglia. Jared Biddy (2-1) picked up the win in relief.

**Central drops NEC opener to Bryant:** Bryant jumped out to a three-run lead after two innings and held on for a 5-3 win over No. 3 seed Central Connecticut State in the opening round of the Northeast Conference baseball tournament at Dodd Stadium in Norwich. The Blue Devils (28-16) face No. 4 Fairleigh Dickinson in an elimination game on Friday at 11 a.m.

Michael Torniero had three hits and a run scored for Central and Jay Devito two hits and two RBI. Anthony Mozzicato (7-4) started and took the loss, pitching five innings allowing four runs on six hits and seven walks.

— Staff reports

**TENNIS FRENCH OPEN**

## At surprise-filled Roland Garros, tennis prodigy Jeanjean makes good

Associated Press

PARIS — Grand Slam losses by high-ranked, well-known and accomplished players to, well, lower-ranked, lesser-known and less-accomplished opponents — and there have been so many in the French Open women's draw that just three of the top 10 seeds remain after merely two rounds — offer a rare opportunity for those unheralded winners to enjoy the spotlight.

So meet Leolia Jeanjean: age 26; from Montpellier, France; ranked 227th; a wild-card entry after never before being a Slam participant; seemingly destined as a kid for great things in tennis, so much so that there were sponsorship deals before she was old enough to attend high school, until, that is, an injured knee

derailed things. She left the sport for a couple of years, wound up moving to the U.S., where she played college tennis at Baylor, then Arkansas, then Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida, while pursuing her studies in finance. At Lynn, she went unbeaten in singles and doubles, so it occurred to her maybe a professional career was worth a try.

Good choice for Jeanjean. Bad one for her foes so far at Roland Garros, including Karolina Pliskova, a two-time major finalist and the No. 8 seed, who was unable to offer much resistance Thursday and was beaten 6-2, 6-2 by Jeanjean on Thursday.

"Even me, I don't even realize what's happening," Jeanjean said. "It's my first Grand Slam. I thought I would have lost in the first round in two

sets — and I found myself beating a top-10 player. So, honestly, I have nothing else to say. I don't really know how it's possible."

A year ago at this time, she was ranked outside the top 800 and winning hundreds of dollars at low-level International Tennis Federation events. No matter what happens in her next match, she'll leave Paris with at least 125,



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time Dallas got within striking distance, Connecticut had a response.

Connecticut led 24-17 at the end of the first quarter, but came out slow to start the second. Dallas went on a 7-0 run across the first three minutes to tie the game, erasing a Sun lead that had been as big as 11 points.

With under two minutes left in the period, Courtney Williams grabbed a defensive rebound and quickly started the fast break. She passed the ball to the left wing, finding Bonner, who drained a midrange shot. Less than a minute later, Hiedeman grabbed an offensive rebound to restart the offense, eventually leading to a 3-pointer from Bonner at the top of the key to extend the lead to 13 points.

The Sun went on a 21-8 run over the last six and a half minutes of the first half and entered halftime with a 47-35 lead.

Dallas trimmed the lead to nine points in the third quarter, but the Sun once again stepped on the gas pedal to regain a sizable advantage. They went on a 10-2 run across the last two minutes and led 70-52 entering the final frame.

**Racking up points off turnovers key**

The Sun lead the WNBA in opponent turnovers per game (19.2), steals per game (10.2), fast break points per game (18.0) and points off turnovers per game (24.5) this season.

That strength was absent in the first loss to Dallas, as Connecticut only forced 10 turnovers and scored 10 points off of those. But the Sun were back to their pesky defensive ways on Thursday night. The Wings committed 19 turnovers, leading directly to 27 points for the home team.

Much of that effort was sparked by Hiedeman, who finished with three steals.

**Connecticut limits Marina Mabrey**

Marina Mabrey was the catalyst for the Wings in their win over the Sun on Tuesday night. She scored 20 points, including three 3-pointers, and shot 60% from the field. She had four assists and three rebounds on top of that.

The 5-foot-11 guard has been huge for Dallas all season, serving as a one-two punch with Arike Ogunbowale as she's averaged 16.4 points, 4.1 rebounds and 3.7 assists.

The Sun found slowed Mabrey down in the second meeting,

**SUN 99, WINGS 68**

Dallas	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Gray	25	4-11	0-0	4	0	1	11
Thornton	24	1-5	1-2	4	0	1	4
Harrison	18	2-4	0-0	7	0	4	4
Ogunbowale	31	6-15	2-2	2	2	2	16
Mabrey	28	1-6	1-2	3	4	2	4
Sabally	30	6-16	4-4	4	2	4	18
Harris	15	0-2	0-0	0	4	0	0
McCowan	14	2-3	2-2	3	2	3	6
Kuier	5	2-2	0-0	0	0	2	5
Burton	6	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0
Dickey	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>— 24-65 10-12</b>	<b>28 16 20</b>	<b>68</b>				

Connecticut	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
A. Thomas	24	3-7	2-2	6	4	2	8
Bonner	29	7-16	2-2	6	2	0	18
J. Jones	24	4-5	4-4	5	1	4	12
Williams	23	3-8	2-2	6	5	0	8
Hiedeman	31	5-10	3-4	3	6	1	17
B. Jones	31	5-9	5-5	7	2	3	15
Holmes	7	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Anderson	9	2-4	2-2	4	1	0	6
Carrington	17	4-8	5-6	5	3	1	13
Clouden	4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>— 34-70 25-27</b>	<b>42 24 13</b>	<b>99</b>				

Three-point goals: 6-21, 28-6 (Hiedeman 4-7, Bonner 2-7, Jones 0-1, Williams 0-2, Anderson 0-2, Carrington 0-2). FG pct.: 48.6. FT pct.: 92.6. Turnovers: 13 (J. Jones 3, Carrington 3, A. Thomas 2, Bonner 2, Williams, Hiedeman, Holmes). Blocks: 2 (J. Jones, B. Jones). Steals: 12 (Hiedeman 3, A. Thomas 2, Carrington 2, Bonner, J. Jones, Williams, B. Jones, Anderson).

Officials: Gulleyman, Smith, Suffren. Att.: 4,308 at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville.

however. She finished with just four points on 1 of 6 shooting. Ogunbowale and Allisha Gray were the only Dallas starters to finish in double-figure scoring.



Hurricanes right wing Andrei Svechnikov (37) checks Rangers defenseman Jacob Trouba (8) into the boards during the second period Thursday in Raleigh, North Carolina. CHRIS SEWARD/AP

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has been resilient, even stubborn, when facing a series deficit. The Rangers rallied from a 3-1 hole to beat Pittsburgh in a seven-game first-round series, then lost the first two games against Carolina before fighting back to even at home.

Mika Zibanejad scored a power-play goal for New York, winning a first-period faceoff and then drifting to the left side for the putaway just six seconds into the man advantage. Sheshterkin — a finalist for both the Vezina Trophy for the league's top goalie and Hart Trophy for most valuable player — finished with 31 saves against a steady stream of work.

The Hurricanes' power-play struggles have been going for two months, with coach Rod Brind'Amour preaching the

importance of execution more than any major changes to what had been one of the league's top-10 units to that point. But things just hadn't improved, with Carolina coming into this game converting on just 9 of 89 opportunities (10.1%) since late March.

Yet after an 0 for 9 start in the series, the Hurricanes finally broke through with quick and crisp puck movement. Rookie Seth Jarvis zipped the puck to Teravainen for the left-side putaway to beat Sheshterkin at 9:47 of the second for the 2-1 lead, marking Carolina's first goal with the man advantage since the final minutes of Game 6 in the first-round series win against Boston.

Carolina's first goal came on special teams, too, though this on a perfectly executed shorthanded rush off a turnover by Rangers defenseman Jacob Trouba. Jordan Staal carried the puck on the left side until Rangers defenseman K'Andre Miller laid out

to stop a pass, but Staal lifted the puck off the ice and over Miller's legs to a charging-in Trocheck on the right side for the 1-0 lead at 12:57 of the first.

Carolina's seven-game home winning streak is the longest in a postseason since Chicago won its first seven games in 2014, a run that ended in the conference finals.

Carolina's seven-game home streak is the longest in franchise history for a single postseason.

**Siren sounders:** Retired American soccer great Clint Dempsey sounded the pregame "storm warning" siren for the Hurricanes to take the ice.

NASCAR driver Harrison Burton sounded the siren for the first intermission, followed by North Carolina State football coach Dave Doeren — whose Wolfpack play across the parking lot from PNC Arena in Carter-Finley Stadium — for the second intermission.

**GIANTS****Thibodeaux sidelined, but Daboll not concerned**

**By Pat Leonard**

New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kayvon Thibodeaux's work ethic has impressed Giants outside linebackers coach Drew Wilkins from the jump.

"He's incredibly eager," Wilkins said after Thursday's sixth OTA practice. "He comes here, he gets his playbook. I'm out with my wife at the Comedy Cellar. You know how you gotta put your phone in the little bag? I pull my phone out of the bag at the end of the show, I've got like 10 texts from him: 'Hey what's this call? What do we have on this?' It's a Saturday night and he's studying the playbook."

"He's so driven to succeed," Wilkins added. "You see it in everything. It's exciting that he's here."

Unfortunately, Thibodeaux isn't practicing right now. He was on the sideline in a red jersey on Thursday, nursing an undisclosed injury he sustained late in Thursday's indoor practice.

He also left the field during the full-team period with other

rehabbing players like Kenny Golladay (in a blue jersey now) and Sterling Shepard (Achilles).

The good news is head coach Brian Daboll didn't seem concerned, and the issue isn't expected to impact Thibodeaux's availability for training camp in July.

"I don't think there's really any [long-term training camp concerns]," Daboll said. "We'll see. It's day-to-day. I'm talking about everybody. I think the red jersey guys are making progress and hopefully we'll have everybody ready to go."

**Ezeudu works at tackle:** Third-round pick Josh Ezeudu, an offensive guard from North Carolina, played first-team left tackle in live team drills with Andrew Thomas continuing to nurse a surgically repaired left ankle. Ezeudu started 20 games at left guard, six at left tackle and two at right tackle for the Tar Heels.

GM Joe Schoen said when he drafted Ezeudu that they liked his "guard-tackle flex" and that he would "compete to start probably inside, with outside flex."

He's now out of the red jersey, had an active practice with at least one sack. Outside linebackers coach Drew Wilkins was asked if he was encouraged or discouraged by Roche's intensity on that play. "So it was a great pass rush. Really good inside move on the pass rush there," Wilkins said. "I'm gonna let Dabes cover the rest of that. You're gonna get me in trouble. We've got a long weekend coming up."

at the college and club level for 30 years. They communicate before and after every game, most recently stressing the opportunities at hand.

"I'm really excited that he's been able to be with me every step of the journey and see the joy he has after games," Ronan said. "Sometimes, it's almost a little disbelief that I'm doing it at this level. I'm looking forward to my postgame hug with him."

His mother, Mairead, "takes credit for it all," Ronan said. "She says she put a lacrosse stick in my hand, taught me how to shoot the ball. She was a top-tier Irish step dancer in her day, so maybe I did get my competitive juices from her."

Ronan began playing as a first-grader with the Glastonbury lacrosse club. At the high school, he led Glastonbury to a pair of CCC championships and two runs to the state semifinals. Then he scored 66 goals as a freshman on Wesleyan's championship team.

"If you want to win a Division III national championship, you don't do it with Division III players," Wesleyan coach John Raba prophetically told The Courant in 2018. "You do it with Division I players. Ronan's a Division I player."

Having experienced the championship setting on the undercard, Jacoby is prepared for the main event on Saturday and then, if Rutgers wins, on Monday against Maryland or Princeton. It won't be his last lacrosse moment. Even if he chooses not to play a sixth collegiate season, he plans to stay in the game in some form for the rest of his life. But he knows there will never be a moment quite like this one.

"If you had told me my freshman year at Wesleyan that I would somehow get an extra year of eligibility, play at a Big Ten school and make it to Memorial Day weekend, I would say you're just wrong, that's not going to happen, there's no chance," Jacoby said. "It's really just crazy the way it's worked out. It's opportunities and memories I'll hold with me for a lifetime. More important, friendships I'll hold for a lifetime. It's just been an amazing, unique, strange, cool, enjoyable experience. I definitely feel fortunate to have had the path that I've had."

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**Lacrosse**

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level. I knew Wesleyan was high-level lacrosse, and I never for a moment thought I was better than it because I wasn't. It was really hard to be successful at Wesleyan."

He graduated last spring as an economics and psychology double major but had two years of eligibility remaining. He looked to put his skills to the test and earn a master's in financial analysis, choosing Rutgers.

"You have a lot of guys who are high achievers in the classroom and talented, high achievers on the field," Rutgers coach Brian Brecht said. "When you have a passion, a thirst for knowledge and degrees and bettering yourself career-wise, and a passion for the game of lacrosse, you don't want to call it a day. Ronan's a lacrosse rat, a gym rat, he's played all his life. He wanted to continue to play and maybe see how good he really is."

The 6-foot-1, 206-pounds Jacoby has left no doubts. He's scored 36 goals with 11 assists for Rutgers (15-3) and made the All-Big Ten team. When he scored six goals in a 13-10 win over Army in a match of top-10 teams on Feb. 19, he knew he belonged at the highest level.

"I had a slow start to the season, slower than I thought," Jacoby said. "Feeling a lot of nerves before every game. Once we had that Army game, that sort of flipped the switch and there was no doubt in my mind I can hang at this level. No more looking back, no more doubt."

Jacoby has scored in each of Rutgers' two NCAA wins over Harvard and Penn to help vault the Knights to the NCAA semifinals for the first time in school history.

"He was able to make the jump," Brecht said. "Are all Division III players going to be able to do that? No. But the best guys are. He was a home run in my opinion. Someone who has worked awful hard, has a great skill set, four years of college, four years of lifting, four years of game-planning at a high level in Division III. That experience goes a long way. He's a major contributor on the field. He's contributed 10-fold off the field in the locker room, in and around the guys."

Jacoby comes from a lacrosse family. His father, Seth, has been teaching and coaching the game

**NCAA men's lacrosse championships: A list of players with Connecticut ties**

Connecticut is known as a place of high-caliber lacrosse, and that is evident in the number of players who will be playing for NCAA men's lacrosse championships this weekend at Rentschler Field,

All but one of the eight teams competing in Divisions I, II and III this weekend have at least one player from the state on their roster, most are from Fairfield County, Connecticut's hotbed.

Here's a look at state players who could take the field this weekend:

**DIVISION I**  
**Saturday semifinals:** Rutgers vs. Cornell at noon; Maryland vs. Princeton at 2:30 p.m.  
**Championship game:** Monday at 1 p.m.  
**Rutgers**

Ronan Jacoby, Glastonbury: The graduate student, who won a Division III championship with Wesleyan in 2018, was an All-Big Ten pick and scored 36 goals to help the Scarlet Knights reach the semifinals for the first time.

## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

## PLAYOFFS

## CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

#2 Boston 3, #1 Miami 2

May 17: Miami 118-107

May 19: Boston 127-102

May 21: Miami 109-103

May 23: Boston 102-82.

May 25: Boston 93-80.

Fridays at Boston, 8:30 p.m.

x-Sunday: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

#3 Golden State 3, #4 Dallas 1

May 18: Golden State 112-87.

May 20: Golden State 122-115.

May 22: Golden State 109-100.

May 24: Dallas 119-109.

Thursday: at Golden State, late

x-Saturday: at Dallas, 9 p.m.

x-Monday: at Golden State, 8 p.m.

## WNBA

## EAST

## W L Pct GB

Washington 6 2 .750 —

Connecticut 5 2 .714 ½

Chicago 4 2 .667 1

Atlanta 4 3 .571 1½

Indiana 2 7 .222 4½

New York 1 5 .167 4

WEST 2 6 .250 5

## THURSDAY'S RESULT

Connecticut 99, Dallas 68

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m.

New York at Seattle, 10 p.m.

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

Las Vegas at Chicago, 3 p.m.

Washington at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix at Atlanta, 12 p.m.

New York at Seattle, 6 p.m.

Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

Los Angeles 99, Phoenix 94

## AUTO RACING

## INDIANAPOLIS 500 LINEUP

Race Sunday at Indianapolis Ind.

Motor Speedway

PP # DRIVER MK MPH

Row 1

1 9 Scott Dixon D-H 234,046

2 10 Alex Palou D-H 233,499

3 21 Rinus VeeKay D-C 233,385

Row 2

4 33 Ed Carpenter D-C 233,080

5 8 Marcus Ericsson D-H 232,764

6 1 Tony Kanaan D-C 232,372

Row 3

7 5 Pato O'Ward D-C 232,705

8 7 Felix Rosenqvist D-C 232,182

9 28 Romain Grosjean D-H 231,999

Row 4

10 51 Takuma Sato D-H 231,670

11 12 Will Power D-C 231,534

12 48 Jimmie Johnson D-H 231,264

Row 5

13 18 David Malukas D-H 231,607

14 2 Josef Newgarden D-C 231,580

15 23 Santino Ferrucci D-C 231,508

Row 6

16 60 Simon Pagenaud D-H 231,275

17 11 JR Hildebrand D-C 231,112

18 20 Conor Daly D-C 230,999

Row 7

19 77 Callum Ilott D-C 230,916

20 27 Alexander Rossi D-H 230,812

21 15 Graham Rahal D-H 230,766

Row 8

22 24 Sage Karam D-C 230,464

23 98 Marco Andretti D-H 230,345

24 29 Devlin DeFrancesco D-H 230,326

Row 9

25 26 Colton Herta D-H 230,235

26 3 Scott McLaughlin D-C 230,154

27 06 Helio Castroneves D-H 229,630

Row 10

28 14 Kyle Kirkwood D-C 229,406

29 4 Dalton Kellett D-C 228,916

30 6 Juan P Montoya D-C 228,622

Row 11

31,30 Christian Lunggaard-D 227,053

32 45 Jack Harvey D-H 226,851

33,25 Stefan Wilson D-C no speed

C-Chevrolet; H-Honda

## INDYCAR POINTS STANDINGS

## DRIVER EV W PD PP PT

Will Power 5 0 2 1 170

Alex Palou 5 0 3 0 156

Scott McLaughlin 5 1 2 1 152

Josef Newgarden 5 2 2 0 140

Scott Dixon 5 0 0 0 133

Colton Herta 5 1 1 1 132

Patrício O'Ward 5 1 0 1 126

Marcus Ericsson 5 0 1 0 117

Romain Grosjean 5 0 1 0 114

Rinus VeeKay 5 0 1 1 113

Simon Pagenaud 5 0 1 0 109

Graham Rahal 5 0 0 0 98

Takuma Sato 5 0 0 0 87

Felix Rosenqvist 5 0 0 1 85

Alexander Rossi 5 0 0 0 81

Conor Daly 5 0 0 0 80

Christian Lundgaard 5 0 0 0 79

Helio Castroneves 5 0 0 0 71

David Malukas 5 0 0 0 62

Callum Ilott 5 0 0 0 61

Jack Harvey 4 0 0 0 61

Jimmie Johnson 5 0 0 0 59

Kyle Kirkwood 5 0 0 0 51

Devlin DeFrancesco 5 0 0 0 42

Tatiana Calderon 4 0 0 0 41

Dalton Kellett 5 0 0 0 35

Santino Ferrucci 1 0 0 0 22

Ed Carpenter 1 0 0 0 18

J.R. Hildebrand 1 0 0 0 17

Juan P Montoya 1 0 0 0 6

## NASCAR CUP SERIES

## MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

## RK MAKE PTS PB W

1 Chevrolet 481 — 7

2 Toyota 446 -.35 3

3 Ford 432 -.49 3

## DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

## DRIVER W T5 T10 PTS

Chase Elliott 1 3 9 475

Ryan Blaney 1 4 6 423

Kyle Busch 1 4 9 417

William Byron 2 4 4 415

Ross Chastain 2 7 8 407

Martin Truex, Jr. 0 2 6 400

Joey Logano 1 4 6 396

Alex Bowman 1 3 8 386

Kyle Larson 1 6 7 376

Christopher Bell 0 3 7 359

Kevin Harvick 2 0 6 335

Aric Almirola 0 1 4 322

Austin Dillon 3 0 6 311

Chase Briscoe 1 2 3 300

Tyler Reddick 0 1 4 290

Austin Cindric 1 1 2 291

Erik Jones 0 1 4 290

Kurt Busch 1 3 5 283

Daniel Suarez 1 2 4 273

Denny Hamlin 1 2 2 267

Chris Buescher 0 0 3 261

Bubba Wallace 0 1 2 257

Justin Haley 0 1 1 245

Michael McDowell 0 0 4 245

Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. 0 1 4 227

Ty Dillon 0 0 1 222

Cole Custer 0 0 0 215

Harrison Burton 0 0 0 185

Todd Gilliland 0 0 0 185

Corey LaJoie 0 1 1 179

Brad Keselowski 0 0 1 176

Cody Ware 0 0 0 112

B.J. McLeod 0 0 0 79

David Ragan 0 0 1 61

Garrett Smithley 0 0 0 28

Greg Biffle 0 0 0 24

Jacques Villeneuve 0 0 0 15

Boris Said 0 0 0 11

Joey Hand 0 0 0 2

## NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS

## Points standing positions, percentage

## and total fastest laps:

## DRIVER POS. PCT. LAPS

1. William Byron 4 6.5 191

2. Chase Elliott 3 6.3 187

3. Kyle Busch 3 6.1 180

4. Ross Chastain 56 5.7 177

5. Martin Truex Jr. 6 5.8 170

6. Ryan Blaney 2 5.2 153

## NHL

## STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

